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the Hungry CORPSEMAKERS

THE NEXT DAY...
WE BEEN GOING FOR SIX HOURS NOW! BY NIGHT WE SHOULD REACH THE IDOL!
WALKIN' THROUGH THIS JUNGLE IS LIKE CRAWLIN' ACROSS A SPIDER WEB!

AS NIGHT SPREAD ITS BLANKET OF MYSTERY AND RESTLESSNESS OVER THE THROBBING JUNGLE...
ROCCO... MEZZI... LOOK!
LOOK AT IT SHINE!
AWRIGHT, LET'S GET TO WORK!

MINUTES PASS...
IT'S A WONDER NOBODY ELSE CAME HERE BEFORE!
WHAT DOPES, THEM WALLAS... THINKING A CURSE WOULD GUARD THE IDOL!
SOME DID, BUT THEY WERE FOUND DEAD LATER, THEIR BODIES WERE EATEN AWAY!

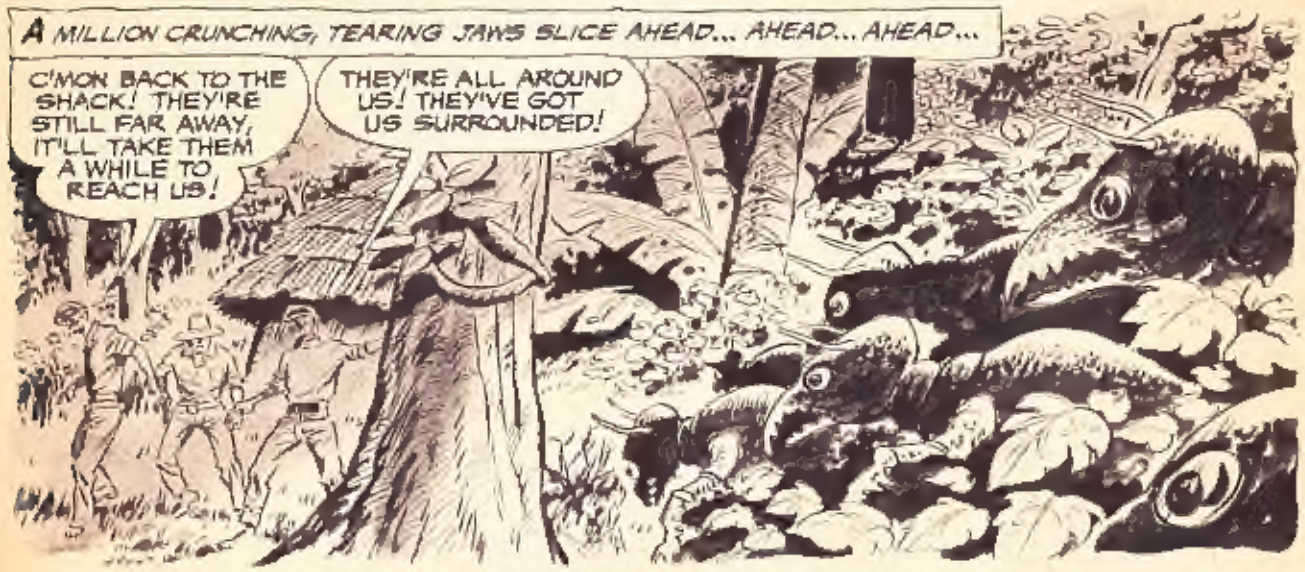
SHUT UP ABOUT THE CURSE, AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
YEAH, SURE, ROCCO!

UNKNOWN TO THE TRESPASSERS OF THE GODS, A RED FLUID OOZES FROM THE GOUGED WOUNDS IN THE HEAD OF THE IDOL! ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THIS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE CURSE!
AIEEHHH! AGAIN THE IDOL OF WALLAH HAS BEEN DEFILED! DEATH TO THE SINNERS... DEATH!

LATER...
FEAST YOUR EYES ON THAT, MY BOYS! THERE'S ENOUGH MONEY THERE TO RUN THE WORLD!
ONE HANDFUL AND WE'D BE RICHER THAN ALL THE KINGS OF EUROPE!
AN' I WAS AFRAID OF A CURSE!

EYES BULGE WITH HORROR WHICH WAS BEFORE SUPPRESSED... BUT WHICH WAS NOW UNLEACHED IN A WILD FURY!
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
I HEARD SOMETHING LIKE THAT ONCE! ARMY ANTS!
ARMY ANTS! LET'S GET OUTSIDE... QUICK!

TUMBLING OUTSIDE AND RUNNING SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS DOWN THE ROAD, THE THREE MEN SAW...
...THE BLACK ANTS!
NOOO! THEY CAN EAT THROUGH STONE!
THAT'S WHY THEY FOUND THE OTHERS WITH THE FLESH EATEN OFF THEIR BONES!


A MILLION CRUNCHING, TEARING JAWS SLICE AHEAD... AHEAD... AHEAD...
C'MON BACK TO THE SHACK! THEY'RE STILL FAR AWAY, IT'LL TAKE THEM A WHILE TO REACH US!
THEY'RE ALL AROUND US! THEY'VE GOT US SURROUNDED!

HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO! WE'LL DIG A MOAT AROUND THE SHACK! THEN WE'LL POUR THAT GASOLINE WE HIJACKED INTO IT AND SET IT ON FIRE! C'MON!
YEAH... THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT!

THE PERSPIRATION OF FEAR AND FATIGUE POPPED OUT AS HUGE GLOBULES ON THE FOREHEADS OF THE MEN...
JUST A LITTLE MORE!
THEY'RE ALMOST ON TOP OF US!
SSSS

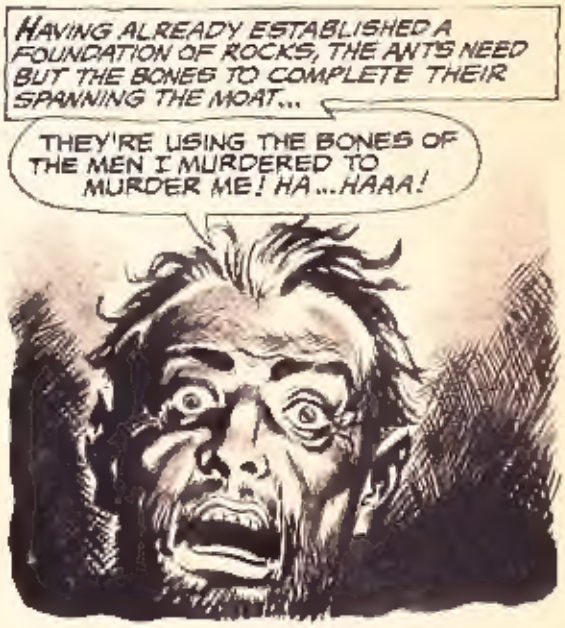
THEN, THE GASOLINE WAS POURED INTO THE RAVAGED PIT AND THE BATTLE WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
HERE THEY COME! GIMME THE TORCH!
IT'S GOTTA STOP THEM! IT'S GOTTA!
HERE, ROCCO!

AS THE ANTS REACH THE MOAT, A FLAMING TORCH SPLASHES INTO THE GASOLINE AND SHOOTS UP A WALL OF FIRE!
SSSSSSS
SSSSS
SSS
AND SO THE HORROR CONTINUED! OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE ANTS TRIED TO CROSS THE SEA OF FIRE! BUT, THEN...
WHAT! THEY'RE PUSHING ROCKS TO THE MOAT!
THEY'RE GONNA FILL UP THE MOAT AND THEN CROSS OVER AND GET US!
THOSE THINGS'LL GET US! BUT MAYBE NOT! MAYBE ALL THEY WANT IS A COUPLE OF VICTIMS TO SATISFY THE CURSE!
DESPERATION FIRES THE BRAIN OF ROCCO WITH A MAD PLAN...
SORRY, GUYS BUT IT'S EITHER YOU OR ME!
NO, ROCCO, NO... ARRGGH!
UGHHH...
BANG!
BANG!
NOW TO APPEASE THOSE MONSTERS OUT THERE! I'LL THROW THEM THE BODIES! MAYBE THEN THEY'LL LEAVE...

ALDO'S CORPSE PLUNGES CRAZILY THROUGH THE AIR AND SINKS DEEPLY INTO THE RANKS OF THE ANT! THE SAME HAPPEN TO HIM...

...HAPPENS TO MEZZI'S CORPSE!

BUT THE TWO SACRIFICES DO NOT SATISFY THE APPETITE OF THE MADDENED ANTS! IN FACT...
THEY... THEY'RE CARRYING ALDO'S AND MEZZI'S BONES TO THE EDGE OF THE MOAT! THEY'RE GOING TO USE THE BONES AS A BRIDGE TO GET ME!


HAVING ALREADY ESTABLISHED A FOUNDATION OF ROCKS, THE ANTS NEED BUT THE BONES TO COMPLETE THEIR SPANNING THE MOAT...
THEY'RE USING THE BONES OF THE MEN I MURDERED TO MURDER ME! HA...HAAA!

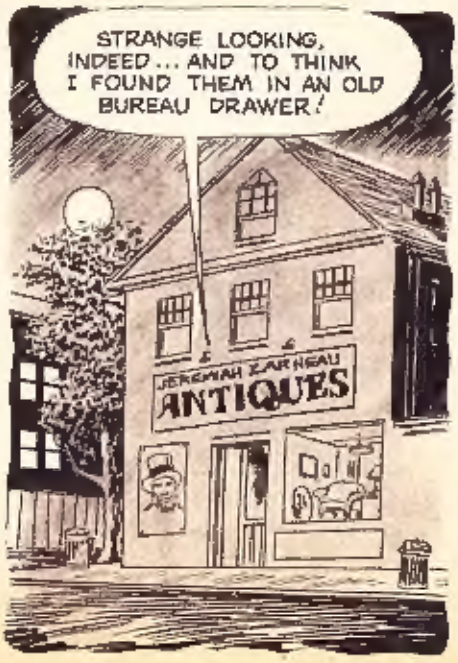
AND THEN THE THINGS CAME, SNAPPING, SAVAGE, SEEKING...
SSSSSS

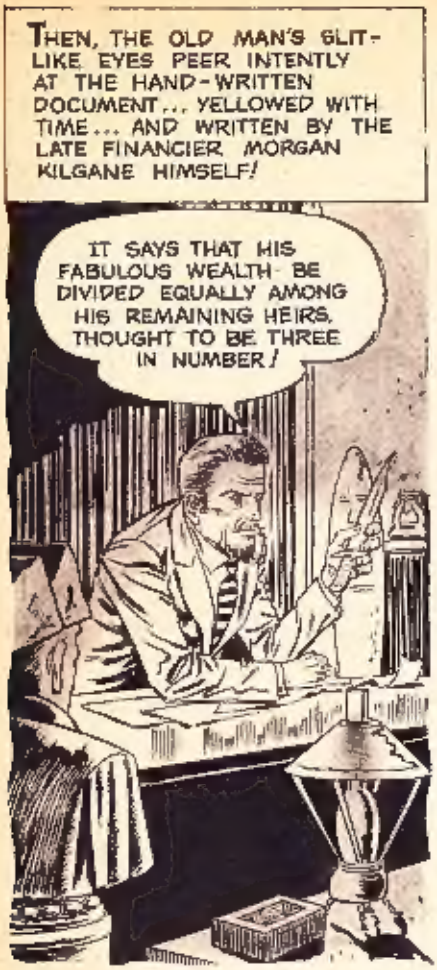
...SEEKING THE LAST OF THOSE WHO HAD DARED CHALLENGE THE CURSE OF WALLA!
AIEEEHH!!
THE END

MADMAN'S KNIFE

A HALF FORGOTTEN KNIFE AND A CURIOUS SCROLL... TRANSFORMED BY A MADMAN INTO A COMBINATION FOR VIOLENT DEATH!

JERIMIAH ZARNEAU WAS A WITHDRAWN, EMBITTERED MAN WHO OPERATED A DILAPIDATED ANTIQUE AND CURIO SHOP. MANY STRANGE ITEMS PASSED THROUGH HIS HANDS, INCLUDING A HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENT WRAPPED ABOUT A HAND CARVED KNIFE...




THEN, THE OLD MAN'S SLIT-LIKE EYES PEER INTENTLY AT THE HAND-WRITTEN DOCUMENT... YELLOWED WITH TIME... AND WRITTEN BY THE LATE FINANCIER MORGAN KILGANE HIMSELF!
IT SAYS THAT HIS FABULOUS WEALTH BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG HIS REMAINING HEIRS, THOUGHT TO BE THREE IN NUMBER!

IT ALSO SAYS OLD KILGANE MADE THIS STRANGE BLADE HIMSELF! AND THAT IT POSSESSES A MYSTIC POWER ENABLING IT TO KILL ANY AND ALL SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE KILGANE CLAN! INTERESTING INDEED! HEH-HEH!

ZARNEAU'S PULSE QUICKENS AS HE READS ON, AND HIS MIND CONCIEVES A FIENDISH SCHEME!
..."AND THAT WHOEVER POSSESSES IT CAN DICTATE TO THE KNIFE AND CONTROL THE DESTINIES OF THE KILGANE CLAN!"

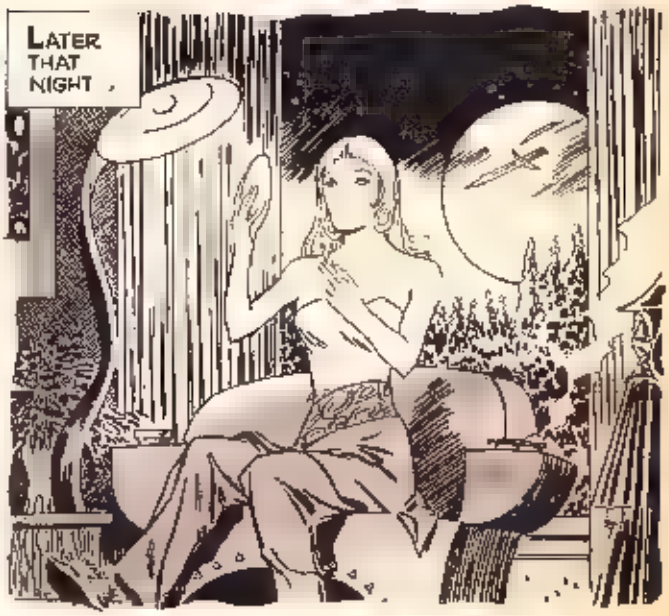
SO! WITH THIS SUPERB BLADE I JEREMIAH ZARNEAU, CAN SOON BECOME MASTER OF ALL MORGAN KILGANE'S MAGNIFICENT WEALTH! IT SHALL BEFIT ME! HA-HA!

STEEPED IN GREED AND LUST, THE ANTIQUE DEALER PLACES HIS DIABOLICALLY CONCIEVED PLAN INTO DEADLY ACTION!
GO, KNIFE! GO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY THE REMAINING KILGANES! HA-HA!

AND AS STATED IN THE ANCIENT SCROLL, THE GLISTENING BLADE OBEYS!

AND THE REMAINING HEIRS TO KEGANE'S FORTUNE ARE SLAUGHTERED SILENTLY AND SAVAGELY

IN A NEARBY SUBURB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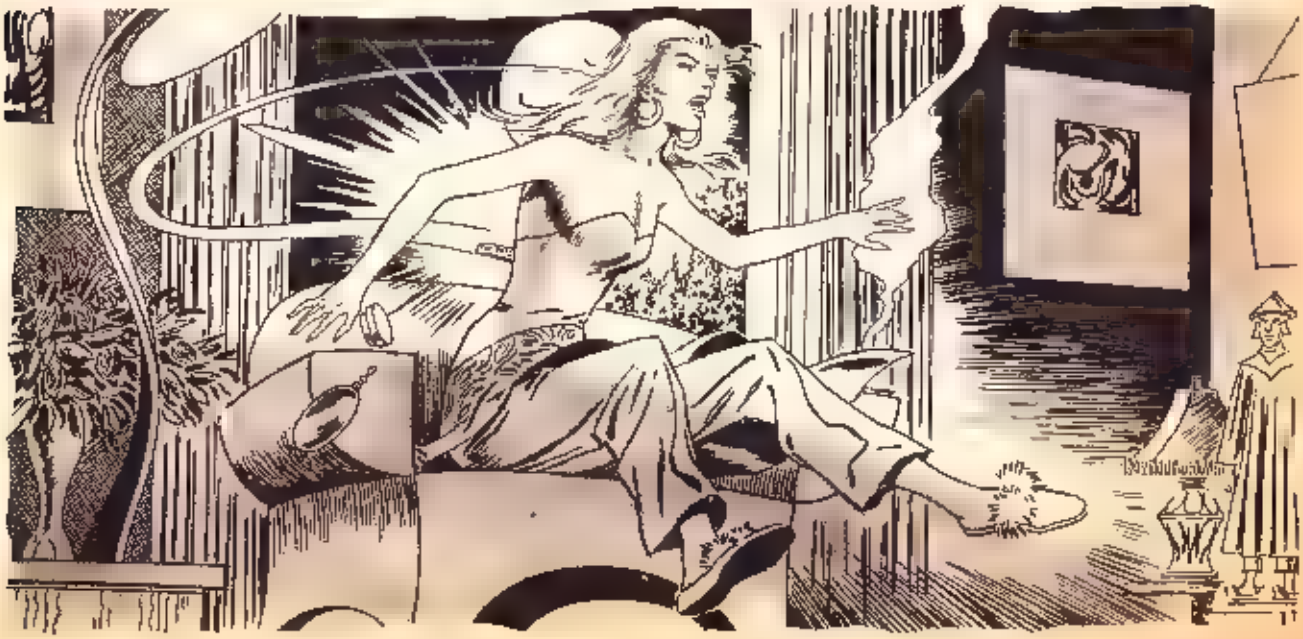
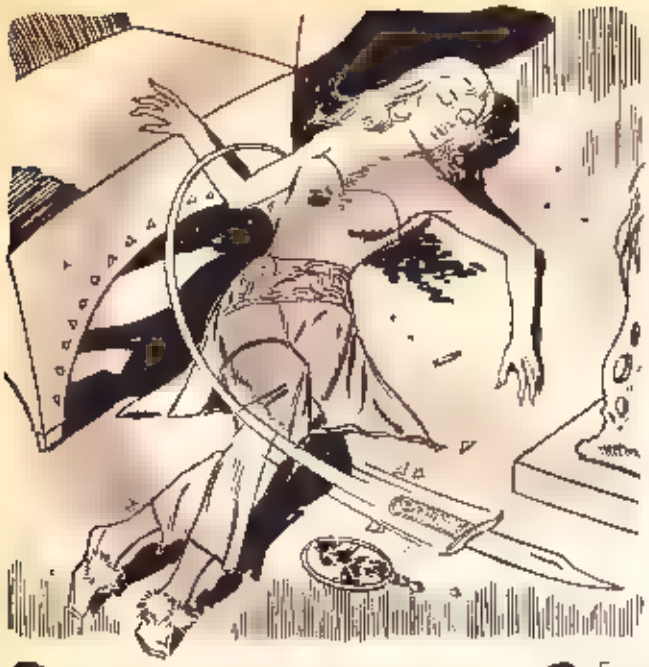
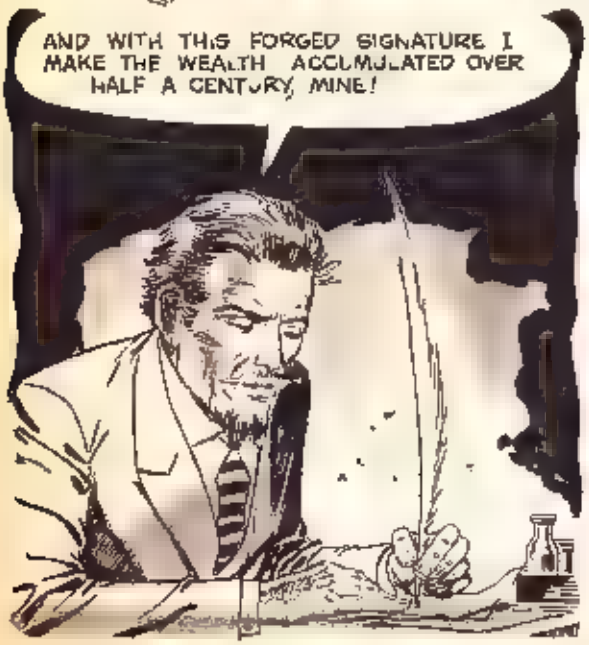
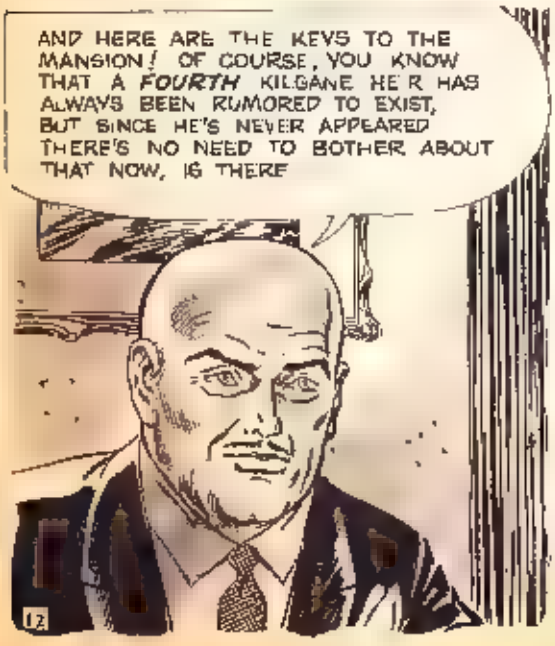




ITS FIENDISH MISSION COMPLETE, THE AWESOME BLADE RETURNS TO ITS MASTER AND DROPS QUIETLY AT HIS SIDE!
WELL, DONE, KNIFE! WELL DONE! NOW TO FORGE THE NECESSARY LEGAL PAPERS AND PRESENT MYSELF TO THE LEGAL CUSTODIAN OF KILGANE'S ESTATE AS ITS RIGHTFUL HEIR! HA HA-HA!

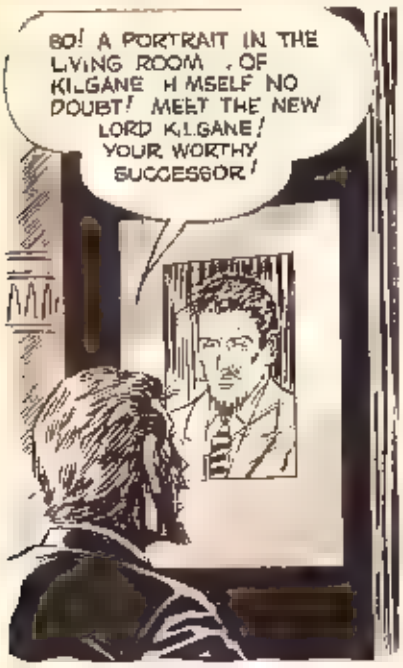

AND WITH THIS FORGED SIGNATURE I MAKE THE WEALTH ACCUMULATED OVER HALF A CENTURY, MINE!

THESE PAPERS ARE CERTAINLY IN ORDER SIR! THE KILGANE ESTATE AND FORTUNE ARE RIGHTFULLY YOURS BEYOND A DOUBT!
THANK YOU, SIR!


AND HERE ARE THE KEYS TO THE MANSION! OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THAT A *FOURTH* KILGANE HEIR HAS ALWAYS BEEN RUMORED TO EXIST, BUT SINCE HE'S NEVER APPEARED THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER ABOUT THAT NOW, IS THERE

TRIUMPHANTLY, THE MADDENED CURIO DEALER TAKES POSSESSION OF THE RENOWN MANSION!
HA-HA-HA! THE KILGANE MANSION YOU'RE MINE NOW! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ME! YOUR NEW LORD! JEREMIAH ZARNEAU!

HA-HA-HA HA! MINE! IT'S ALL MINE! MY WEALTH SHALL BE MY POWER! I SHALL BE MASTER OF MANKIND!


SO! A PORTRAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM . OF KILGANE HIMSELF NO DOUBT! MEET THE NEW LORD KILGANE! YOUR WORTHY SUCCESSOR!

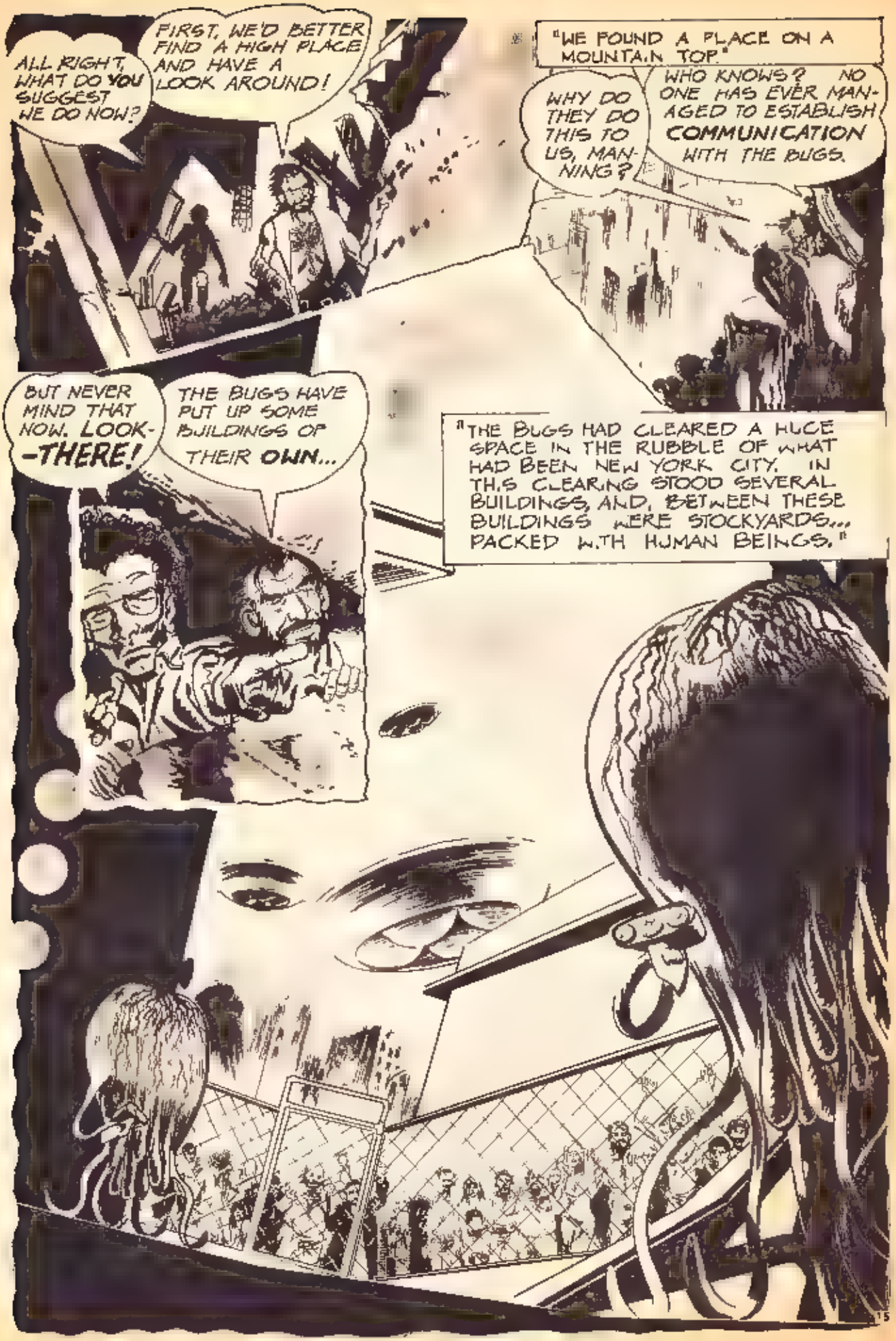
BUT AS ZARNEAU PEERS AT THE PORTRAIT, HIS HYSTERICAL TRIUMPH IS QUICKLY TRANSFORMED INTO ABJECT HORROR AS HE OBSERVES THE UNDENIABLE RESEMBLANCE!
THAT FACE! IT'S... IT'S LIKE MY OWN! NO! THE FOURTH MISSING RELATIVE! CAN I . . ? NO!

STUNNED AND FROZEN WITH FEAR, ZARNEAU PEERS AT HIS OWN DISTRAUGHT FEATURES IN THE NEARBY MIRROR!
CAN IT REALLY BE? AM I THE MISSING HEIR!?

BUT THE MIRROR REFLECTS ONLY IMMINENT DEATH!
THE KNIFE! NO! AIEEE!!

AND THE FATEFUL BLADE THAT HAD DONE THE MAD MAN'S BIDDING IS ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH!
THE END

THE HORROR BUGS


ALL RIGHT, WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST WE DO NOW?
FIRST, WE'D BETTER FIND A HIGH PLACE AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND!
"WE FOUND A PLACE ON A MOUNTAIN TOP."
WHY DO THEY DO THIS TO US, MANNING?
WHO KNOWS? NO ONE HAS EVER MANAGED TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THE BUGS.
BUT NEVER MIND THAT NOW. LOOK--THERE!
THE BUGS HAVE PUT UP SOME BUILDINGS OF THEIR OWN...
"THE BUGS HAD CLEARED A HUGE SPACE IN THE RUBBLE OF WHAT HAD BEEN NEW YORK CITY. IN THIS CLEARING STOOD SEVERAL BUILDINGS, AND, BETWEEN THESE BUILDINGS WERE STOCKYARDS... PACKED WITH HUMAN BEINGS."

THOSE ARE KILLING PENS!
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THEM BRODER...
THEN THEY'RE TAKEN INTO THE BUILDING AND SLAUGHTERED!
LOOK... SOME SORT OF MACHINE!
"IT WAS SOME SORT OF DEVICE THAT REVOLVED IN THE MANNER OF A RADAR ANTENNA! IF ITS PURPOSE WAS SIMILAR I COULDN'T TELL!
BRODER, LOOK OUT!
GET AWAY FROM THAT WINDOW!
"SUDDENLY, A GREEN LIGHT BEGAN TO FORM AND, IT BECAME A BLAZING FIREBALL WHICH SHOT SKYWARD!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! I THINK THEY'VE SEEN US!
"TERROR WAS A TWISTING STEEL KNOT IN MY STOMACH I RAN WITH BRODER... THEN BRODER CAME TO AN ABRUPT HALT!
BRODER... WHAT IS IT?
THAT SOUND... SOMEONE'S COMING...
"FIRST THERE WAS THE FRIGHTENING SHADOW ON THE WALL... THEN A GIRL EMERGED FROM THE DARKNESS! I BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF!
HOLD IT BRODER! IT'S A... GIRL!
WE'VE GOT NO TIME TO STOP! GET OUT OF OUR WAY BABY!
PLEASE, DON'T SHOOT!
IF... YOU DON'T HARM ME, I CAN LEAD YOU TO A SUPPLY OF FOOD!
BRODER... WE'RE GOING TO NEED FOOD BADLY...

"SHE CAME CLOSER! AND, EVEN BRODER GASPED AT HER BEAUTY! BUT HIS DESIRE TO ESCAPE STILL, HELD HIM IN ITS GRIP...
MY NAME IS ALICE HARPER!
FOR PITY'S SAKE BRODER! LISTEN...
PITY'S A THING OF THE PAST PROF!
PROF, THOSE BUGS KNOW WE'RE IN HERE! WE GOTTA SCRAM! NOW! OR IT'S THE CHOPPIN' BLOCK FOR US...
LISTEN... I... I KNOW A WAY OUT OF HERE THAT CAN GET US PAST THE BUGS...
YOU DO, EH? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D TAKE A CHANCE WITH YOU!
BUT I DO KNOW A WAY OUT... IF YOU'LL ONLY TRUST ME..
I COULDN'T HELP BUT MARVEL AT THE SERENITY OF THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE! HER PRESENCE SEEMED TO EASE MY DESPERATION AND DESPAIR. SHE BECAME A SYMBOL OF HOPE!
LEAD ON ALICE! I'M WITH YOU!
OKAY! OKAY! I'LL GO TOO! BUT I STILL THINK WE'RE TAKING A BIG RISK...
"AND, SO, WE FOLLOWED HER... THROUGH THE DARK, TOMB LIKE SILENCE! HOW LUCKY WE WERE TO HAVE FOUND HER IN THAT NIGHTMARE OF A WORLD...
"ALICE FINALLY LED US TO A DOOR WHICH OPENED ON THE STREET OUTSIDE!
HEY, DON'T WALK RIGHT OUT! IT MIGHT NOT BE SAFE...
IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU'LL SEE!
A-A-A-A!!

"THEY GOT BRODER AND ME AS SOON AS WE SET FOOT OUTSIDE. I COULD HEAR HIM FIRING AS I STRUGGLED FOR MY OWN LIFE."

"SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A *SHARP*, STABBING PAIN IN THE BACK OF MY SKULL -- AND I BLACKED OUT!"

"I KNEW WHERE I WAS, THE INSTANT I OPENED MY EYES. I WAS IN THE KILLING *PENS!*"

"WHEN THE BUGS WALKED INTO THE PENS, THE MOB SET UP A TERRIBLE HOWL - MINGLED WITH CRIES AND SHOUTS AND CURSING THE BUGS USED SOME VERY *PAINFUL* MEANS TO WHIP THEM INTO A LINE - WHICH LED INTO THE DREADED BUILDING!"

"AS I WAS HERDED TOWARD THE DOOR -- I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE AND BECAME VIOLENTLY SICK!"

"I WAS IN THE PROCESS OF FAINTING WHEN I FELT MYSELF *LIFTED* INTO THE AIR -

"-- AND DEPOSITED SOME - WHERE OUTSIDE THE KILLING PENS. I GOT SHAKILY TO MY FEET AND FOUND MYSELF FACE TO FACE WITH *ALICE HARPER!*"

SO IT'S YOU! YOU LED BRODER AND ME INTO A TRAP! DELIVERED US TO THOSE MONSTERS

I HAD TO. IT IS MY JOB -

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE... A JUDAS GOAT! HOW ROTTEN CAN A HUMAN BEING GET!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN STAY ALIVE... BEING USEFUL TO THE BUGGS!

YOU CAN HAVE THE SAME CHANCE! I LIKE YOU! THEY'LL LET YOU LIVE, IF YOU DO THIS WORK FOR THEM...

WHAT? YOU MEAN THAT I'M TO...

BUT IT'S... HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE!

SURE, PROF! DON'T FEEL ASHAMED! THERE IS NO WRONG OR RIGHT ANYMORE... FOR US... JUST LIFE OR DEATH...

BRODER!

BRODER, I... I...

PROF! PROF! THEY'RE AFTER ME- -HELP ME!

DON'T LET THEM GET ME!

DO NOT MAKE A MOVE, PROF...

WHY DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND? WE'RE NOT ANIMALS! TELL'EM PROF! TELL'EM!... ...AAAAGHHH!!!

"I SAW THEM DRAG BRODER AWAY, KICKING AND SCREAMING AND I COULD NOT HELP HIM... IN THAT MOMENT OF HUMILIATING RESIGNATION I SHED A FINAL, SOUL-WRENCHING TEAR AS A HUMAN BEING

"CAN THIS BE THE STORY OF TOMORROW?

PERHAPS... ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO EXPECT A VISITATION FROM SPACE TO BRING US DREAMS FULFILLED BY THE HANDS OF AN ALIEN CULTURE!"

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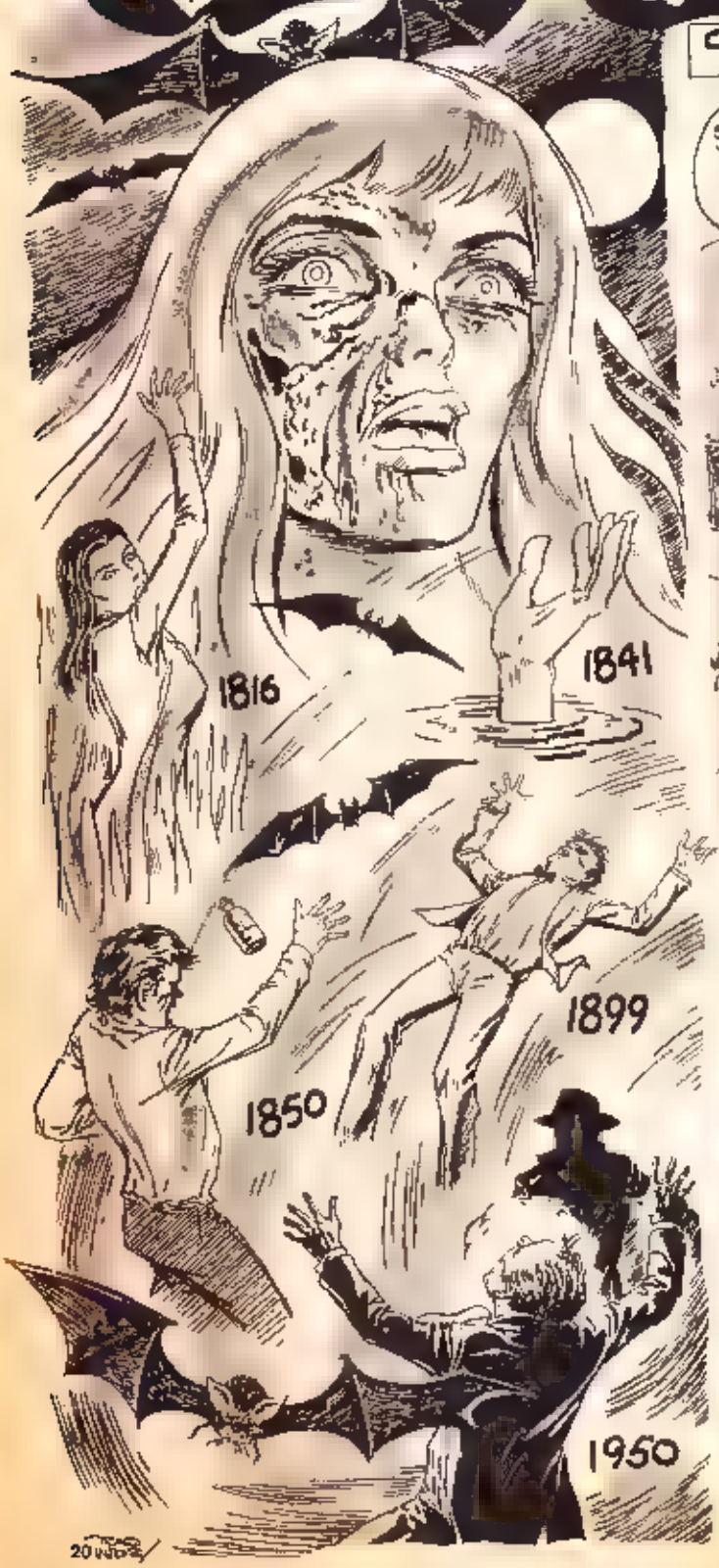
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OUR TALE BEGINS IN AN ISOLATED PLACE ON THE IRISH COAST IN THE 18TH CENTURY...
SO I'VE CAUGHT YOU PEGEEN LASS LET'S HAVE A KISS FROM THOSE RED LIPS!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME DONNO BRANNOCK! I'VE TOLD YOU A HUNDRED TIMES I'LL HAVE NO PART OF YOU!
YOU'RE JOKING, PEGEEN! SURELY YOU WOULDN'T TURN ME DOWN FOR A LOW SHEPHERD LIKE SHAEMUS FITZHUGH! WHY HE'S DIRT-- OHH!
SHUT YOUR VILE MOUTH! HERE'S WHAT I THINK OF YOU!

AS SHE WALKS AWAY, BRANNOCK LOOKS AFTER HER, SEETHING WITH ANGER...

THE LITTLE WILDCAT! SO SHE'D CHOOSE THE SHEPHERD OVER ME! I'VE A WAY OF PREVENTING THAT!

LATER, AT SHAEMUS FITZHUGH'S SMALL, WELL-KEPT SHEEP FARM...

CAPTAIN BRANNOCK! THIS IS A SURPRISE! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

I'VE COME TO TELL YOU, THAT YOU SHOULD BE CARING FOR SWINE, NOT SHEEP! THEY'RE MORE SUITABLE FOR!

WHAT? HAVE YOU GONE DAFT MAN? NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TALK TO ME THAT WAY! GET OFF MY LAND!

PUT ME OFF... IF YOU CAN!

I'LL... AAAAAHH!

HA! NOW YOU'LL NEVER HOLD HER IN YOUR ARMS AGAIN! PEGEEN SHALL BE MINE!

NO! NO! SHAEMUS! OH, MY DARLING! EEEYAAH!

STARTLED BY THE PIERCING SCREAM BEHIND HIM, DONNO WHIRLS...

PEGEEN! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO SEE THIS!

MURDERER, I SAW YOU KILL HIM! I'M GOING TO THE BAILIFF! MURDERER!

WAIT... PEGEEN!

IF SHE GETS AWAY, I'LL WIND UP ON THE GIBBET... I MUST STOP HER... FOREVER!

I'LL GIVE YOU BACK TO THE SHEPHERD... IN DEATH!

EEEYAAHH!

AS DEATH GLAZES HER EYES, THE GIRL GATHERS HER WANING STRENGTH TO HEAP A TERRIBLE CURSE ON DONNO BRANNOCK
HEAR ME... I CURSE YOU AND ALL WHO BEAR YOUR NAME... I SHALL NOT REST UNTIL THE LAST BRANNOCK IS DUST... NO BRANNOCK, OR THOSE THEY LOVE SHALL DIE IN PEACE...
THIS... IS... MY... CURSE ..I... OHHHHHHHHH!
I'D BEST LEAVE THE COUNTRY... THERE'S A SHIP SAILING FOR AMERICA WITH THE TIDE! I'LL BEST BE ON IT!
EIGHT YEARS PASS AND DONNO BRANNOCK IS SETTLED IN THE NEW WORLD ...HE OWNS A CABIN... AND SOME LAND ON THE ALLEGHANY FRONTIER HE HAS A WIFE AND A SIX-YEAR-OLD SON. LIFE IS GOOD, AND HE HAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN THE CURSE!
WELL, JEREMY, LAD, WE'LL BE GOING TO BACK TO THE CABIN! YOUR MOTHER'S BAKING A PIE!
GOOD DADDY! I LIKE PIE!
SUDDENLY, A WILD, CURDLING SHRIEK RIPS THROUGH THE STILLNESS.
EEEAHHHH!
DADDY WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, SON! LEG IT FOR SAM HORNS PLACE! TELL HIM TO COME ON THE RUN!
GRABBING HIS MUSKET DONNO RACES TO THE CABIN, AND...
ELAINE! NO IN HEAVEN'S NAME! NO!
THEN A TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...
IT CAN'T BE... PEGEEN!
AYE, DONNO BRANNOCK-- AS I TOLD YOU ...IT'S AN EYE FOR AN EYE... A LIFE FOR A LIFE!
AND THE NEXT INSTANT, THE HEAVY TOMAHAWK HURLS THROUGH THE AIR TO CLEAVE DONNO'S SKULL HE DIES INSTANTLY!

THUS DONNO BRANNOCK AND HIS WIFE WERE THE FIRST TO FEEL THE FURY OF THE AVENGING SPIRIT! BUT EACH OF THE SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS BORE THE BRUNT OF THE BRANNOCK CURSE..

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IT IS 1973, AND LAWRENCE BRANNOCK, LAST OF THE LINE, A LEADING BROADWAY ACTOR, HAS JUST CLOSED IN A HIT SHOW.

NOW THAT "THE WANDERER" HAS CLOSED, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS, MR. BRANNOCK?

MY WIFE, ANNETTE AND I ARE GOING UP TO MY MOUNTAIN LODGE!

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE BRANNOCK CURSE? DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

OF COURSE NOT! IT'S SHEER NONSENSE! MY FATHER AND MOTHER WERE KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, BUT THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY CURSE! EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN ... I HAVE TO MEET MY WIFE...

EN ROUTE TO MAINE... THE ACTOR IS HELD IN A VISE OF FEAR AND UNEASINESS...

WHY SO MOODY? CHEER UP LARRY, THIS IS A VACATION!

THAT FOOL REPORTER! I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT CURSE FOR YEARS! BUT NOW I'M OBSESSED WITH THOUGHTS OF DEATH!

WHAT IF I'VE BEEN WRONG ABOUT THE CURSE? WHAT IF IT'S REAL?

COME LARRY YOU'RE OVER-TIRED! A FEW HOURS ON THE SKI-TRAIL AND YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!

I SUPPOSE I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD! YOU'RE RIGHT ANNETTE!

THANK YOU LARRY! NOW RELAX AND CATCH UP ON YOUR SLEEP!

A FEW DAYS LATER, ALL THOUGHTS OF THE CURSE HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM LARRY'S MIND... THE CRISP AIR AND SKI SLOPES WERE GOOD MEDICINE...

ANNETTE, LET'S TACKLE THE CREST TODAY!

IT'S TREACHEROUS LARRY! YOU HAD A BAD FALL THERE LAST YEAR!

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! LET'S GO ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP! HOW ABOUT IT?

WELL... I THINK IT'S CRAZY... BUT-- ALL RIGHT!

ATOP THE CREST, THE TALLEST PEAK FOR MILES, THE WIND HOWLS DISMALLY, LIKE A SOUL IN TORMENT...

I FORGOT HOW IT FELT TO BE UP HERE! THIS IS GREAT! LISTEN TO THAT WIND HOWL!

I HATE IT! LARRY... I'M SCARED!

WELL, WHAT AN ADMISSION COMING FROM YOU! ANNETTE THE STRONG ONE... THE COMFORTER... THE STEADFAST ANNETTE!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT LARRY?

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SEEN ME SHOW FEAR; AND NOW YOU'RE AFRAID!

IS... IS THIS WHY YOU BROUGHT ME UP HERE LARRY?

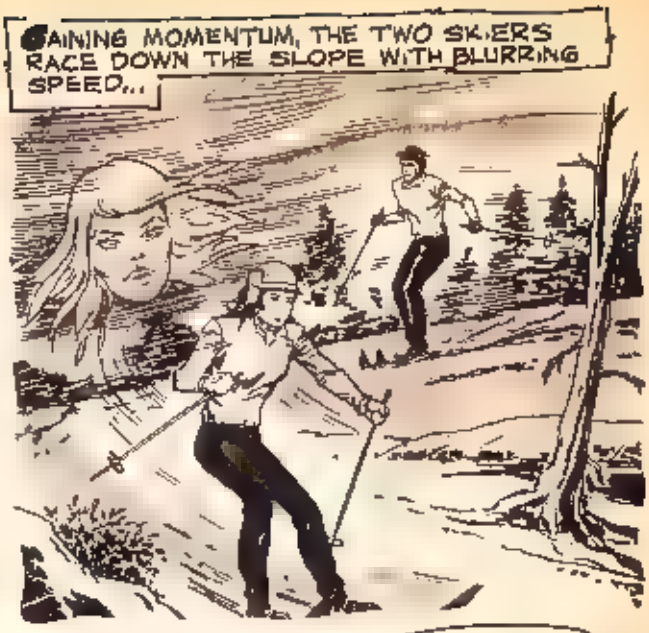
YES, FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! THIS RUN HAS ALWAYS FRIGHTENED YOU! GO AHEAD, MAKE THE RUN!

LARRY, PLEASE! I CAN'T EVEN LOOK DOWN THERE! DON'T FORCE ME TO DO IT!

YOU'RE COMING APART AT THE SEAMS, MY DEAR... AND I'M ENJOYING THE MOMENT! TO GET DOWN, IS ON SKIS! LET'S START NOW!

NO... NO! NO... I'M AFRAID... I'M AFRAID...

GO ON! LET'S SEE HOW BRAVE YOU ARE!
LARRY!!


GAINING MOMENTUM, THE TWO SKIERS RACE DOWN THE SLOPE WITH BLURRING SPEED...

ANNETTE HITS AN ICY PATCH, AND..
LARRY! I'VE LOST CONTROL!

EEYAAHHHH!!
UNABLE TO STOP, THE GIRL PLUNGES OVER THE LEDGE...

THEN, THEN STILL, TWISTED BODY LIES SILENTLY IN THE SNOW...

LARRY SCRAMBLES DOWN THE SLOPE AND...
LISTEN... ANNETTE! YOU MUST LIVED DO YOU HEAR ME? YOU CAN'T DIE!

SHE IS DEAD, LAWRENCE BRANNOCK... VERY DEAD!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

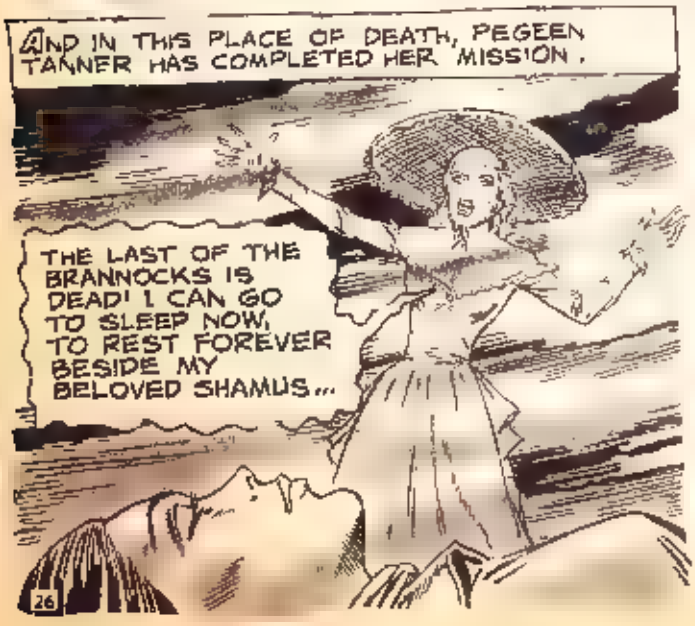
I AM THE NEMESIS WHO HAS DESTROYED ALL THE BRANNOCKS! YOUR ANCESTOR HAD MY CURSE BROUGHT DOWN ON HIS HEAD! NOW MY WORK IS ENDED!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE PEGEEN TANNER?

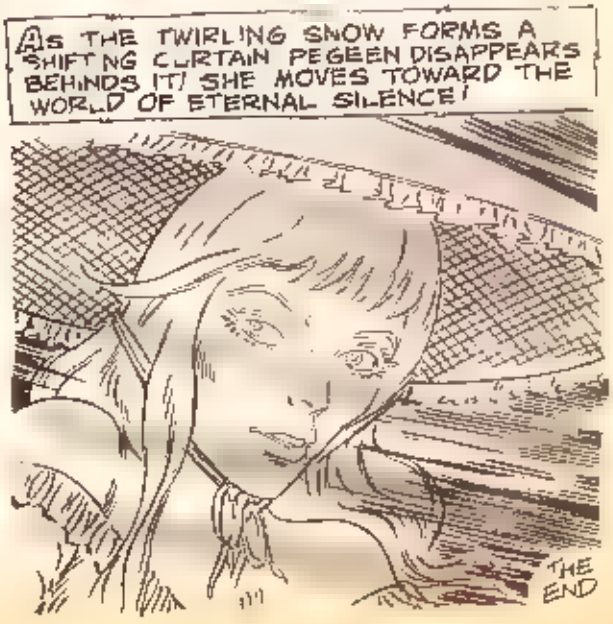
AYE, LAWRENCE BRANNOCK... PEGEEN TANNER! YOU KNOW THE STORY WELL! YOU ARE NEXT!
KEEP AWAY FROM ME... DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

RUN! RUN, YOU FOOL! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE CURSE! HA! HAAA! HAAA!

LARRY STEPS ON A SOFT SPOT IN THE SNOW-PACKED LEDGE, AND IT CRUMBLES UNDER HIS WEIGHT.

A SMALL SNOW SLIDE COVERS THE REMAINS OF THE LAST BRANNOCK


AND IN THIS PLACE OF DEATH, PEGEEN TANNER HAS COMPLETED HER MISSION.
THE LAST OF THE BRANNOCKS IS DEAD! I CAN GO TO SLEEP NOW, TO REST FOREVER BESIDE MY BELOVED SHAMUS...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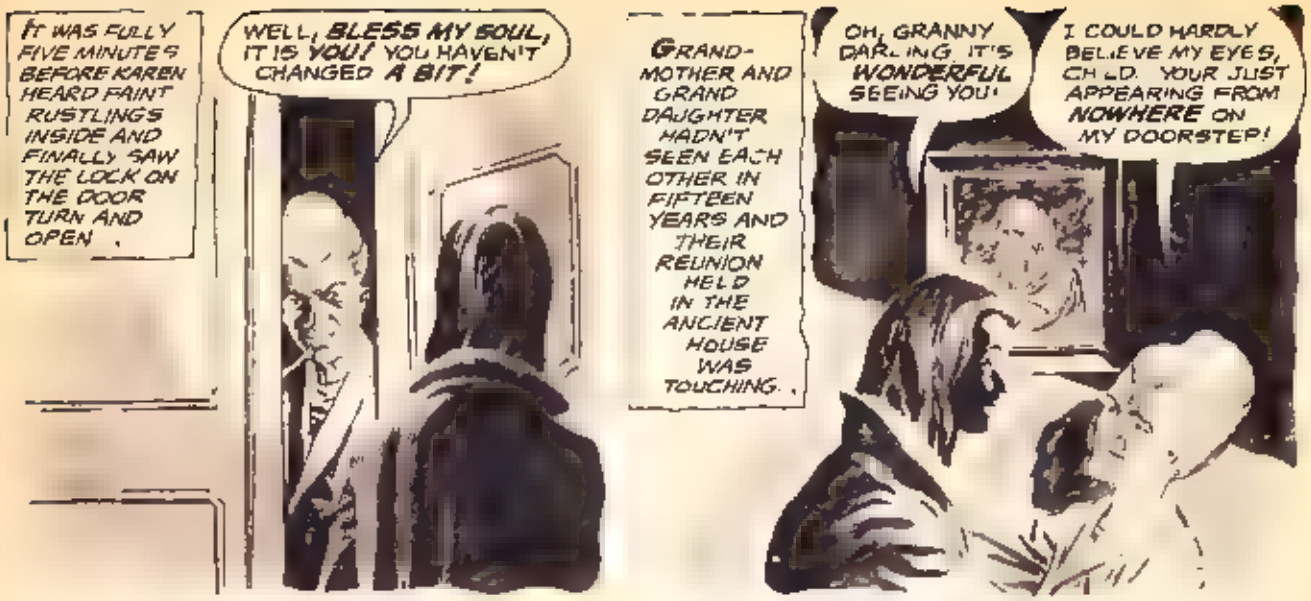
THE ANGRY VAMPIRE


IT WAS FULLY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE KAREN HEARD FAINT RUSTLINGS INSIDE AND FINALLY SAW THE LOCK ON THE DOOR TURN AND OPEN.
WELL, BLESS MY SOUL, IT IS YOU! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!
GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDDAUGHTER HADN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN FIFTEEN YEARS AND THEIR REUNION HELD IN THE ANCIENT HOUSE WAS TOUCHING.
OH, GRANNY DARLING IT'S WONDERFUL SEEING YOU!
I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE MY EYES, CHILD. YOUR JUST APPEARING FROM NOWHERE ON MY DOORSTEP!

BUT KAREN HAD BY NO MEAN APPEARED FROM "NOWHERE"! SHE'D COME FROM CHICAGO, USING HER LAST TEN DOLLARS TO PAY THE BUS FARE! SHE WAS BROKE AND DESPERATE!
I WAS LONESOME FOR YOU, GRANNY! YOU'RE MY LAST LIVING RELATIVE AND I WANTED TO PAY YOU A VISIT!
NOTHING COULD HAVE PLEASED ME MORE, CHILD
THE OLD WOMAN LED HER GRAND-DAUGHTER TO A LARGE BEDROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
I'M AFRAID I'VE LET THE HOUSE GET TERRIBLY RUNDOWN, DEAR BUT WHEN YOU'RE A LONELY OLD WOMAN YOU DON'T MUCH CARE HOW THINGS LOOK!
WELL YOU WON'T BE ALONE ANYMORE, DARLING I'M HERE NOW!

YOU GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP AND TOMORROW WE'LL MAKE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE!
YES, GRANNY, DEAR!
BUT KAREN ALREADY HAD PLANS: THAT WAS WHY SHE CAME TO THE ISOLATED HOUSE... AND THE PLANS WERE FAR FROM NICE...
IT MUST BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSE. EVERYBODY KNEW THE OLD LADY DIDN'T BELIEVE IN BANKS! SHE HAD $50,000 AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THE HOUSE SHE COULDN'T HAVE SPENT MUCH OF IT. THE OLD MISER!
TWO HOURS SINCE SHE LEFT MY ROOM. SHE MUST BE ASLEEP BY NOW!

SHE FELT HER WAY DOWN THE EMPTY CORRIDORS TO THE STAIRS AND THEN CAUTIOUSLY MADE HER WAY UP TO THE ATTIC!
NOTHING UP HERE, DARN IT! I GUESS THE CELLAR IS THE NEXT BEST PLACE TO LOOK!
UGH! ALL THESE COB WEBS! DOESN'T SHE EVER CLEAN?
SHE PUSHED OPEN THE CELLAR DOOR AND ENTERED THE PITCH BLACK ROOM SHUDDERING AS SHE FELT A MOUSE RUN OVER HER FOOT!
NOW I . W-WHAT ON EARTH? GOOD HEAVENS ..
FOR A MOMENT KAREN THOUGHT SHE WAS SEEING THINGS BUT, A DEAD MAN WAS TIED IN A CHAIR DIRECTLY IN A FRONT OF HER ..
W-WHAT'S THAT THING, THAT TUBE IN HIS ARM? AND WHAT'S HE DOING HERE? AM I GOING CRAZY?
KAREN PEERED DOWN AT THE MAN'S LIFELESS FORM
H-HIS BLOOD IS BEING DRAINED INTO THAT BOTTLE!
HER MIND WHIRLED IN A FRENZY OF TERROR AND HER STOMACH TURNED AT THE GORY SIGHT OF THE BRIGHT RED BLOOD DRIPPING INTO THE BOTTLE..
I-I'M (GAG) GOING TO BE SICK! I'VE GOT TO GET (GAG) OUT OF HERE!
BUT AS SHE JERKED OPEN THE DOOR LEADING BACK UPSTAIRS, KAREN HEARD FOOTSTEPS ..
OH, LORD, I CAN'T LET HER FIND ME HERE! I'VE GOT TO HIDE!

EVEN HER NAUSEA WAS FORGOTTEN AS SHE SCUTTLED INTO THE COAL BIN ONLY SECONDS BEFORE HER GRANDMOTHER PUSHED OPEN THE CELLAR DOOR.
DUM DE DUM DA.. JUST I THOUGHT IT'S ALMOST FINISHED!
KAREN PEERED OUT FROM HER HIDING PLACE IN FASCINATED HORROR! WHAT HAD SHE STUMBLED ONTO? WAS HER GRANDMOTHER A MURDERESS?
W-WHAT DOES SHE WANT THE BLOOD FOR? I DON'T UNDER-STAND... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
THAT SHOULD DO IT. IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY DROP!
BUT SUDDENLY, IN A FLASH, KAREN DID UNDERSTAND...
OH, NO... NO! SHE-- SHE'S A VAMPIRE!
IT WAS ALL THE GIRL COULD DO TO KEEP FROM SCREAMING OUT IN TERROR. BUT KAREN KNEW THAT HER LIFE DEPENDED ON MAINTAINING A COMPLETE SILENCE...
MY, I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU DROPPED IN, HENRY! I WAS GETTING HUNGRY! I HADN'T HAD A VISITOR IN OVER TWO WEEKS... AND THE FOOD SITUATION WAS GETTING DESPERATE!
YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WAY YOU DIED, DEAR MAN! I PRIDE MYSELF ON USING POISONS THAT CAUSE NO PAIN!
SHE DID KILL HIM... SHE DID! OH HEAVEN HELP ME, WHAT'LL I DO? MY GRANDMOTHER IS A VAMPIRE... AND A MURDERESS!
KAREN PRAYED THAT SHE WOULD SUDDENLY AWAKEN AND FIND THAT IT WAS ALL ONLY A HIDEOUS NIGHTMARE.. BUT WHEN HER GRANDMOTHER LIFTED THE BOTTLE OF BLOOD TOWARD HER LIPS, THE GIRL COULD STAND IT NO LONGER...
NO... NO... NO! STOP IT!

SHE RACED FOR THE DOOR, GAGGING AS SHE RAN BUT THE OLD WOMAN WAS TOO FAST FOR HER! KAREN FOUND HERSELF CAUGHT AND HELD BY HANDS AS STRONG AS STEEL.

LET ME GO! DON'T COME NEAR ME... T-TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

NOW NOW CHILD, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE UPSET!

N-NO NEED TO BE UPSET? I (SOB) I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE. I SAW YOU. YOU'RE (SOB) A VAMPIRE!

OH, DEAR ME, I'D HOPED TO SPARE ALL THIS ALARM! I DO SO HATE TO SEE PEOPLE CUSSING!

KAREN FELT HERSELF BEING SHOVED INTO THE CHAIR SO RECENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE DEAD MAN ON THE FLOOR! SHE NO LONGER STRUGGLED OR RESISTED. FEAR HELD HER PARALYZED IN EVERY MUSCLE.

Y-YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME... GOING TO DRAIN OFF MY BLOOD TOO

NOW DON'T YOU CRY, DEAR GIRL! YOUR GRANNY WOULDN'T HURT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD! I PROMISE YOU, CHILD, YOU WON'T FEEL A THING!

SHE DIDN'T PROTEST.. AS THE LONG NEEDLE WAS SHOVED INTO HER VEIN AND SOON, AS IF IN A DREAM, SHE FELT HER OWN BLOOD DRIPPING INTO THE BOTTLE...

I'M... DYING.. DYING.. DYING.. DYING...

SHE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AND HER MIND BECAME A JUMBLED WHIRLPOOL...

BUT INSTEAD OF THE ENGULFING EVER-LASTING DARKNESS SHE'D EXPECTED, KAREN FOUND THE WHIRLING WAS SLOWLY COMING TO A STOP..

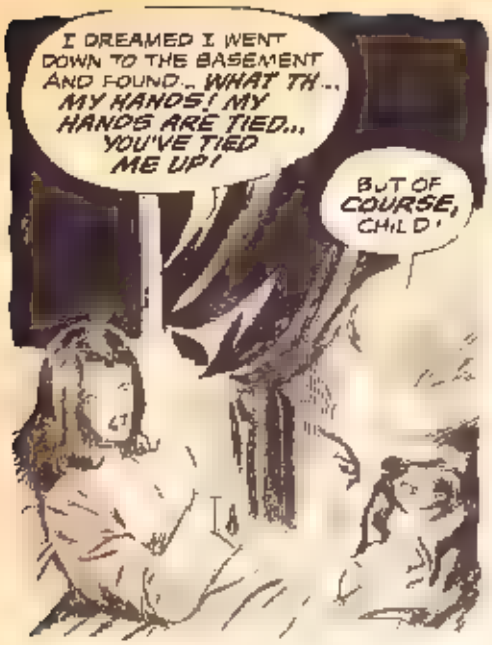
KAREN DEAR WAKE UP! YOU WERE SCREAMING IN YOUR SLEEP.

W-WHAT ..OH, THANK HEAVENS! THANK HEAVENS! I WAS DREAMING! HAVING A NIGHTMARE!

SHE SANK BACK INTO THE PILLOW, IN AN ECSTACY OF RELIEF! AS SHE LOOKED AT HER GRANDMOTHER'S TRUSTING EYES, SHE STARTED TO LAUGH... AND LAUGH...

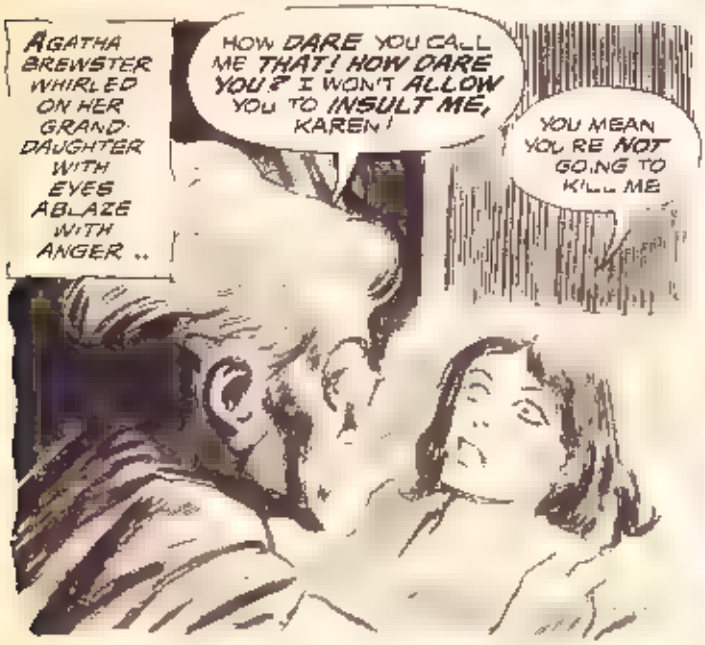
OH, GRANNY, I WAS HAVING HA HA HA THE FUNNIEST DREAM! IT WAS JUST HA HA HA HA HA HA RIDICULOUS!

WHAT WAS IT, DEAR? TELL ME ABOUT IT!

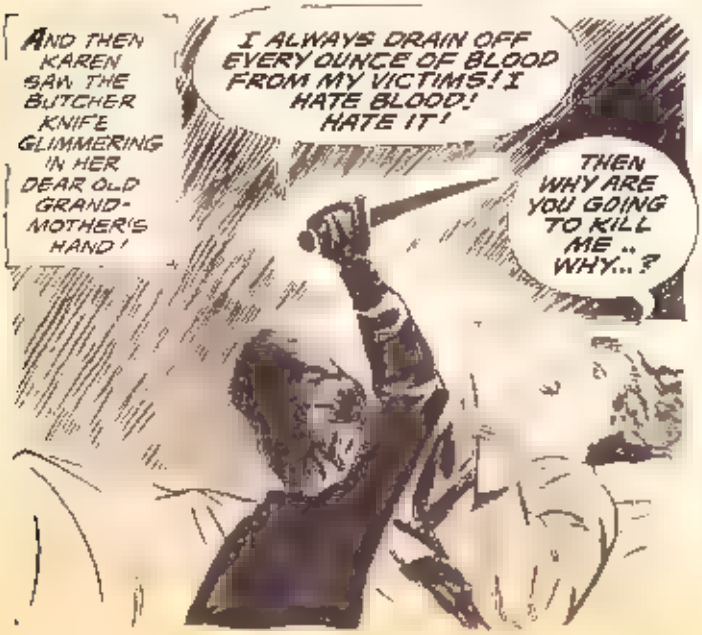

I DREAMED I WENT DOWN TO THE BASEMENT AND FOUND... WHAT TH... MY HANDS! MY HANDS ARE TIED... YOU'VE TIED ME UP!
BUT OF COURSE, CHILD!

KAREN STARED AT HER GRANDMOTHER IN HORROR, HER HEART POUNDING IN SUDDEN FEAR
M-MY DREAM...IT WAS TRUE! YOU'RE GOING TO MURDER ME! YOU... YOU'RE A...

VAMPIRE!


AGATHA BREWSTER WHIRLED ON HER GRANDDAUGHTER WITH EYES ABLAZE WITH ANGER..
HOW DARE YOU CALL ME THAT! HOW DARE YOU? I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO INSULT ME, KAREN!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME

OF COURSE I'M GOING TO KILL YOU... BUT THAT'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO CALL ME DISGUSTING NAMES. I AM NOT A VAMPIRE! BLOOD MAKES ME VIOLENTLY ILL!


AND THEN KAREN SAW THE BUTCHER KNIFE GLIMMERING IN HER DEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER'S HAND!
I ALWAYS DRAIN OFF EVERY OUNCE OF BLOOD FROM MY VICTIMS! I HATE BLOOD! HATE IT!
THEN WHY ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME.. WHY...?

BECAUSE I'M A GHOUL, YOU LITTLE IDIOT... AND GHOULS DESPISE BLOOD! WE LIKE ONLY-- FLESH!

THE END

THE GHOUL

HORACE VENNERY, THE TOWN UNDERTAKER, HAD BUILT UP A NEAT LITTLE SIDE LINE- ROBBING CORPSES! HE EXTRACTED GOLD TEETH AS WELL AS WEDDING BANDS! AFTER ALL, NOBODY BUT THE DEAD WERE WITNESSES TO HIS PILFERINGS! HOW CAN THE DEAD REVENGE THEMSELVES? DEAD MEN CAN'T STRIKE BACK...OR CAN THEY?

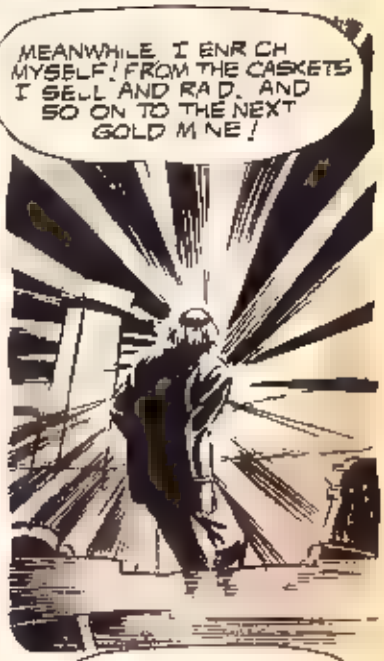
HORACE DID HIS WORK ON FOGGY NIGHTS, WHEN NOBODY WAS OUT BUT THE CEMETERY RATS WHOM HORACE HATED WITH A FANATICAL HATRED!

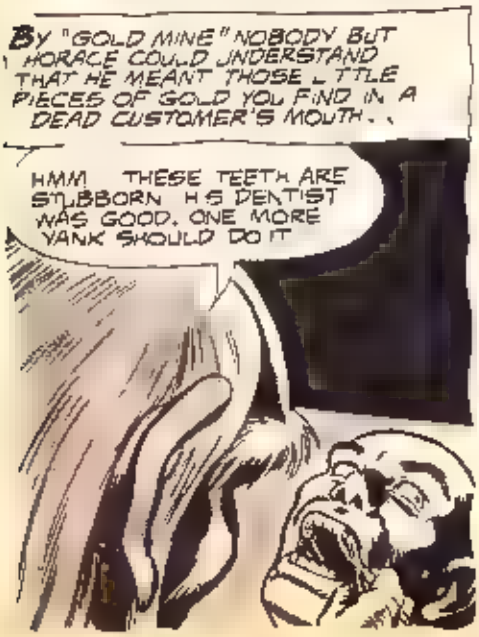
FORTUNATELY, A RAT IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH FILLING H'S BELLY-- HE ISN'T INTERESTED N RICHES AHH! WHAT A PITY TO BURY TH S SIX FEET UNDER THE GROUND!

'T SHOULD BRING AT LEAST A THOUSAND DOLLARS.

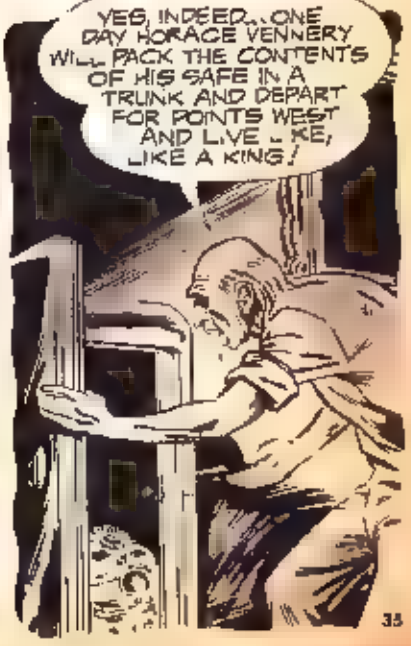
WHY BURY WEALTH? -- ESPECIALLY WEALTH THAT CAN DO NOTHING FOR THEM?

AND WHO IS THE WISER? THE CEMETERY RATS? THE CADAVERS? HA, THE FOG WILL NOT BETRAY ME!

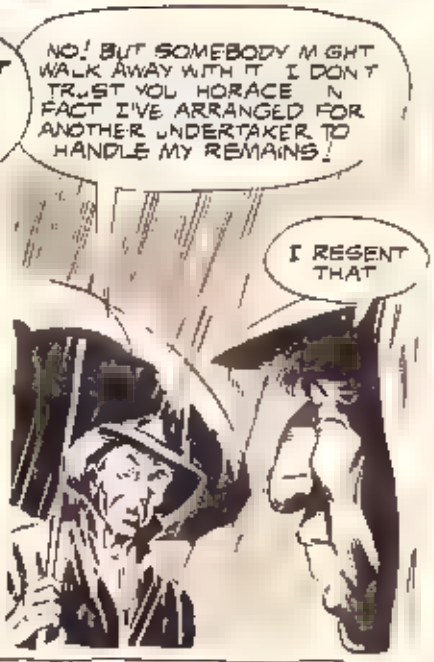

MEANWHILE I ENR CH MYSELF! FROM THE CASKETS I SELL AND RA D. AND SO ON TO THE NEXT GOLD M NE!

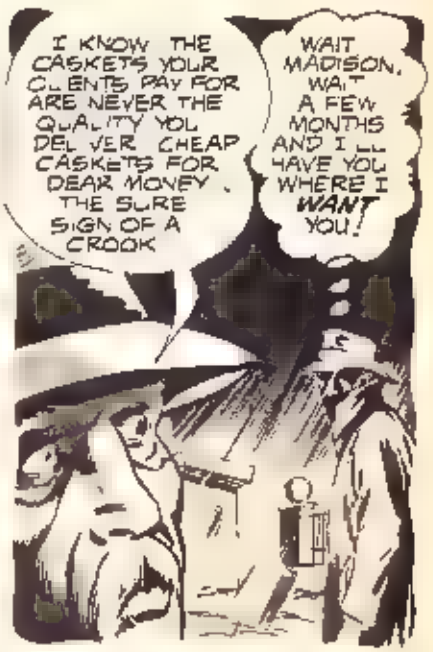

BY "GOLD MINE" NOBODY BUT HORACE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT HE MEANT THOSE L TTLE PIECES OF GOLD YOU FIND IN A DEAD CUSTOMER'S MOUTH..
HMM THESE TEETH ARE STUBBORN H S DENTIST WAS GOOD. ONE MORE YANK SHOULD DO IT

THERE! ANOTHER NUGGET TO ADD TO MY TRESURE HOUSE!


YES, INDEED.. ONE DAY HORACE VENNERY WILL PACK THE CONTENTS OF HIS SAFE IN A TRUNK AND DEPART FOR POINTS WEST AND LIVE L KE, LIKE A KING!

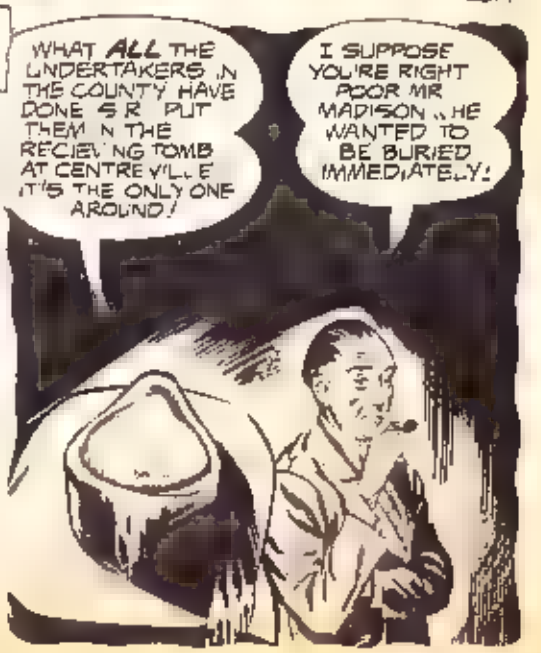
ONE RAINY AFTERNOON, A WEEK LATER, HORACE FOUND HIMSELF LOOKING ALMOST TOO POINTEDLY AT A STICKPIN IN A PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER'S TIE...





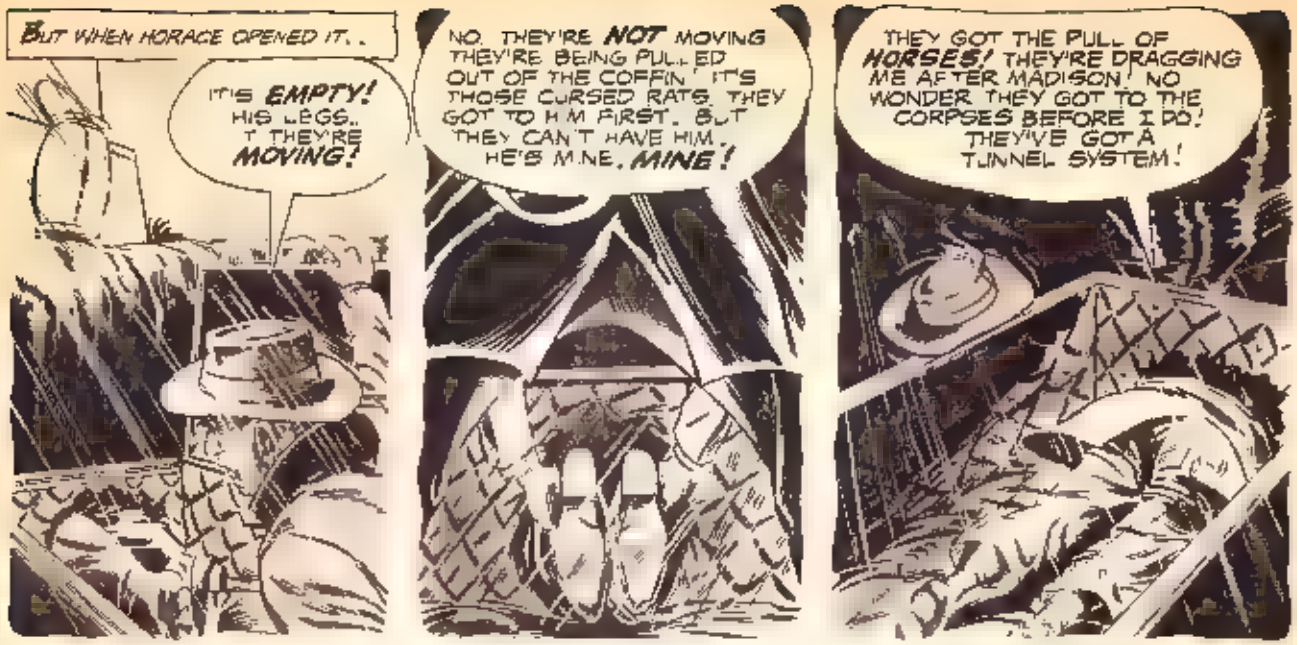
A MONTH LATER, A BLACK WREATH APPEARED MOURNFULLY ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE TOWN'S LEADING CITIZEN...

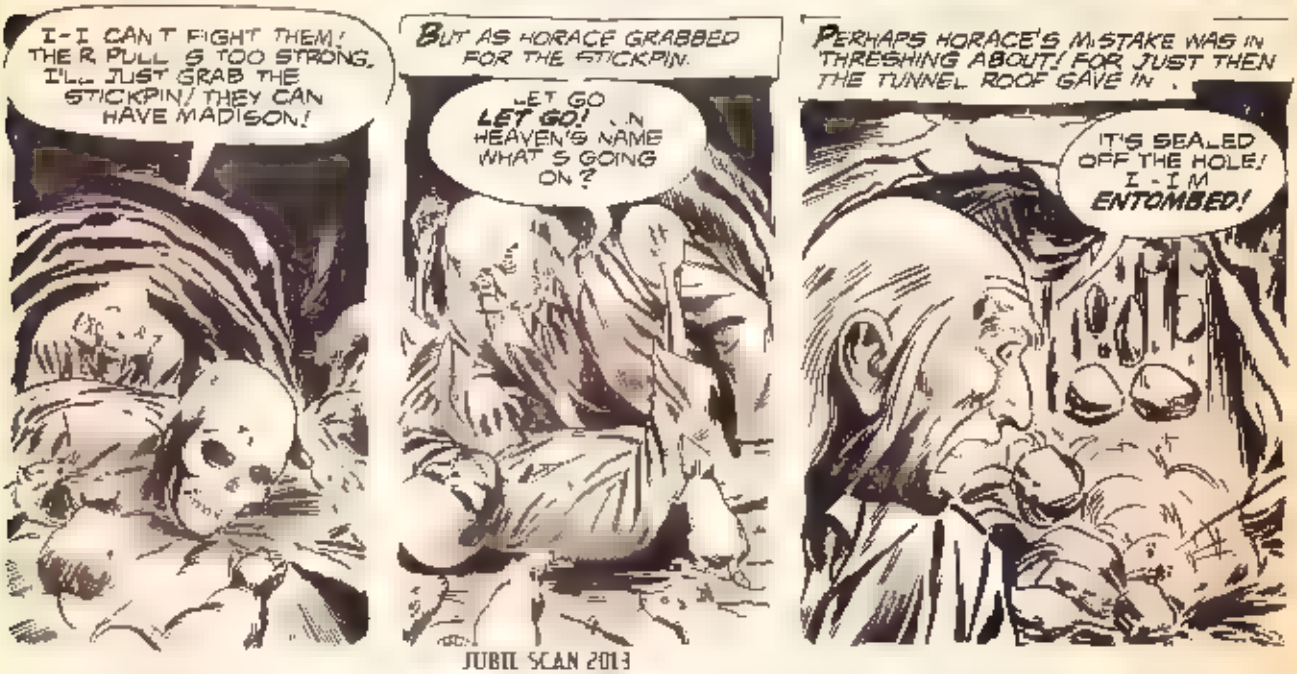
EGBERT MADISON'S LIMBS WERE NOT STRAIGHTENED BY HORACE VENNERY'S GREEDY HANDS, BUT OTHER DIFFICULTIES LOOMED...



HORACE VENNERY WAS PRESENT AS THE REMAINS OF EGBERT MADISON WERE PLACED IN THE RECEIVING TOMB...
HOW LONG WILL THE GRAVE-DIGGER STRIKE LAST? THE COFFINS HAVE BEEN PILING UP!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED! WE CAN'T IGNORE THE UNION!
TECHNICAL TIES! NOTHING BUT TECHNICAL TIES! A MAN CAN'T EVEN BE BURIED DECENTLY IN THIS COMPLEX SOCIETY OF OURS.
LUCKILY FOR ME! HEH HEH I WON'T HAVE TO DIG UP OLD MADISON, AFTER ALL... I'LL JUST SNEAK INTO THE RECEIVING TOMB TONIGHT AND PRY OPEN THE COFFIN LID!
THAT NIGHT AS A STORM RAGED
HMM... THE CARETAKER IS GETTING READY FOR BED... WHY NOT? WHO SHOULD DISTURB HIS SLEEP? THE DEAD WON'T COME KNOCKING ON HIS DOOR!
FUNNY... MADISON SUSPECTING MY LITTLE SIDELINE! BUT WHAT CAN HE DO ABOUT IT NOW? HE LIES IN A COFFIN, ON A SLAB... DEFENCELESS!
I'LL ALSO HAVE A LOOK INSIDE THE OTHER COFFINS! I'M IN NO RUSH! I'VE GOT ALL NIGHT!
AHH! THERE THEY ARE! MY VICTIMS! I COULD STEAL THE EYEBALLS OUT OF THEIR HEADS AND THE COULDN'T STOP ME!
WE'LL SAVE OLD MADISON FOR LAST! LET'S SEE... WHAT HAVE WE HERE? MRS. RUPERTS AND HER STRING OF PEARLS!
YOU WON'T NEED THESE ANY MORE MRS RUPERTS

THE WIND SUDDENLY SLAMMED THE CRYPT DOOR SHUT BUT HORACE'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEAD CAME TO HIS RESCUE ..
I'LL DIG A HOLE THROUGH THE EARTH AT THE TOP OF THE TOMB DOOR! IN A COUPLE OF HOURS I'LL BE OUT OF HERE!
MY NERVES AREN'T UP TO FOOLING AROUND WITH OLD MADISON TONIGHT! I'LL WAIT TILL HE'S BURIED! THEN I'LL RE-INTRODUCE MYSELF! HMM-- THIS FORMATION OF COFFINS MAKES A PERFECT LADDER!
AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER!
THAT DOES IT! NOW TO WRIGGLE THROUGH ..
YIIIIIII M-MY LEGS! SOMEBODY'S STICKING NEEDLES INTO MY LEGS!
YIIIIIII! AAEEE!
OOOHHHH! I- IT'S LIKE SOMEBODY SAWED AT MY LEGS WITH A KNIFE!... I'VE GOT TO GET TO A DOCTOR
LATER AT DR WALLACE'S OFFICE ..
GOOD GRACIOUS MAN . WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'VE GOT TEETH MARKS ALL OVER YOUR LEGS!
TEETH MARKS!
MADISON, HE GASPS NO . I CAN'T BE
ONE RAINY NIGHT TWO WEEKS LATER A GRIM HORACE VENNERY INVADED THE CEMETERY A SEETHING ANGER RAGED WITHIN HIM .
THIS TROUBLE STARTED WITH MADISON! I'LL FIX HIM, ONCE AND FOR ALL! . HERE'S THE GRAVE!



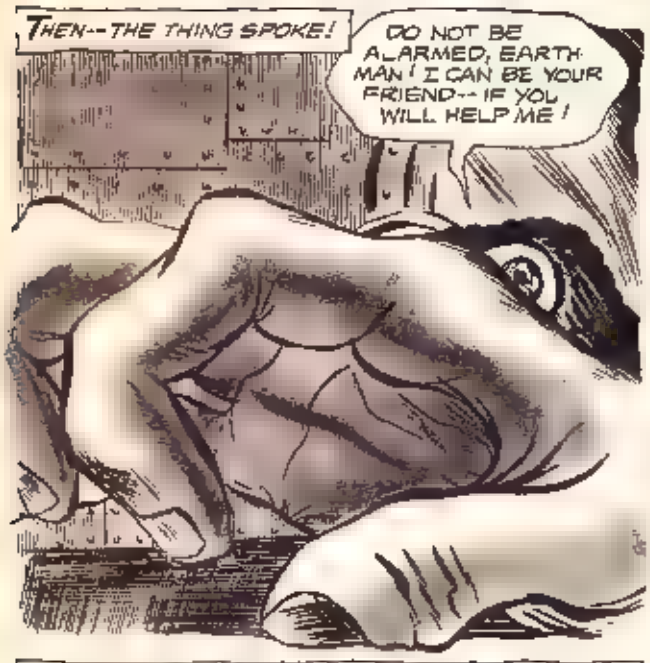


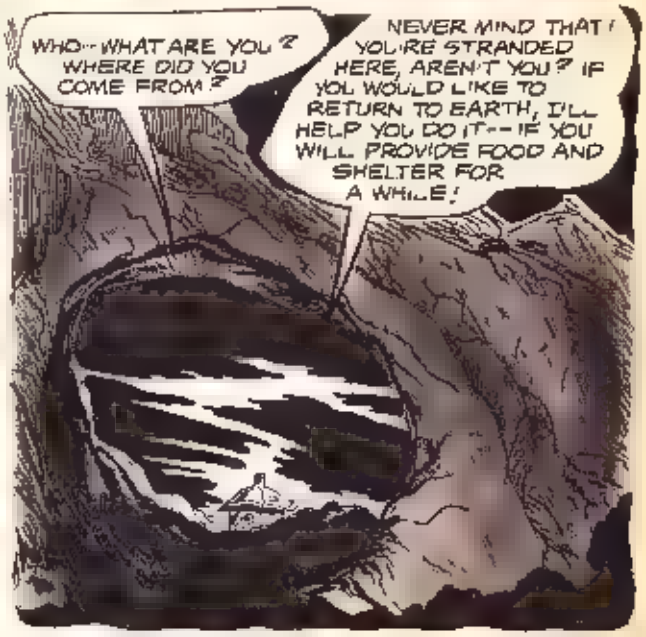
JUBIL SCAN 2013

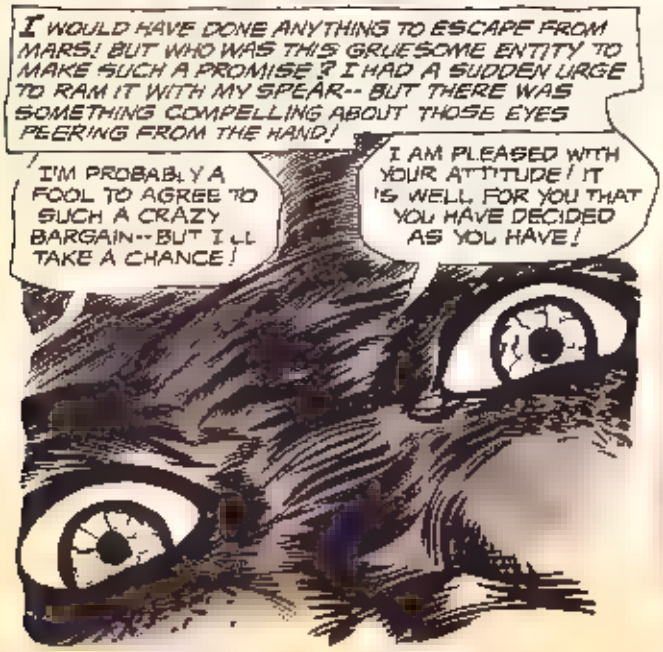
SPACE DEMON

EARTHMAN BOB BURKE, LONE CASTAWAY ON MARS, BATTLES WITH MERCURIAN KILLERS TO SAVE A HIDEOUS MONSTER - AND WITH AN AMAZING RESULT!
FOR SEVEN LONG, MISERABLE YEARS I LIVED ALONE ON THE MARTIAN SOUTH DESERT - THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF A SPACESHIP CRASH! SURE - THERE WAS ENOUGH TO EAT - AND I'D IMPROVISED A SHELTER OUT OF THE REMAINS OF THE WRECKED SHIP.
BUT THE LONELINESS WAS MADDENING! IN ALL THAT TIME, THE CLOSEST THING TO A HUMAN BEING I SAW WAS A LITTLE GWUD -- AN UGLY BUT INTELLIGENT, ALERT CREATURE THAT FOLLOWED ME LIKE A FAITHFUL DOG
I'D EVEN BE HAPPY TO SEE ONE OF THOSE SCALY HOT-TEMPERED PLUTONIANS!

THEN, ONE DAY WHEN I RETURNED FROM HUNTING, AND WAS APPROACHING MY HUT, MY GWUD POINTED TO IT, AND CHATTERED WARNINGLY!
PROBABLY ANOTHER BIG LIZARD HAS CRAWLED INSIDE LET'S INVESTIGATE!
A HAND! A GIANT HAND... WITH EYES!


THEN--THE THING SPOKE!
DO NOT BE ALARMED, EARTH MAN! I CAN BE YOUR FRIEND--IF YOU WILL HELP ME!


WHO--WHAT ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
NEVER MIND THAT! YOU'RE STRANDED HERE, AREN'T YOU? IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO EARTH, I'LL HELP YOU DO IT--IF YOU WILL PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR A WHILE!

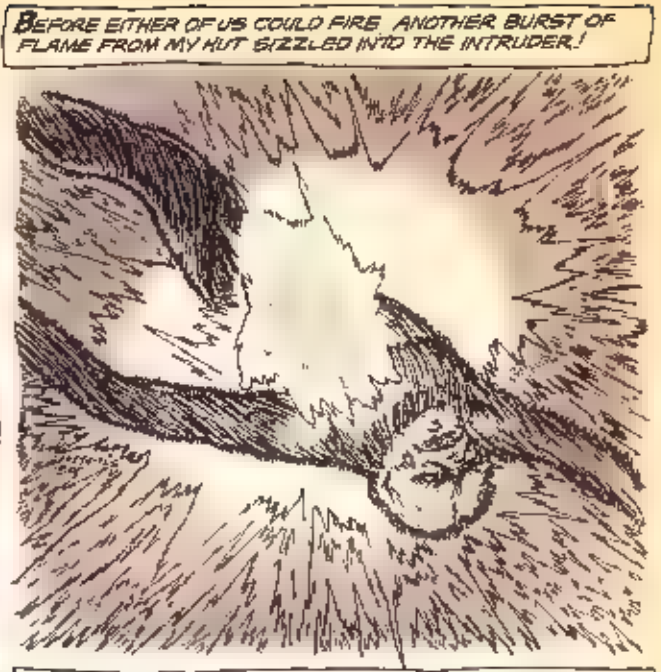

I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO ESCAPE FROM MARS! BUT WHO WAS THIS GRUESOME ENTITY TO MAKE SUCH A PROMISE? I HAD A SUDDEN URGE TO RAM IT WITH MY SPEAR--BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING COMPELLING ABOUT THOSE EYES PEERING FROM THE HAND!
I'M PROBABLY A FOOL TO AGREE TO SUCH A CRAZY BARGAIN--BUT I'LL TAKE A CHANCE!
I AM PLEASED WITH YOUR ATTITUDE! IT IS WELL FOR YOU THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED AS YOU HAVE!

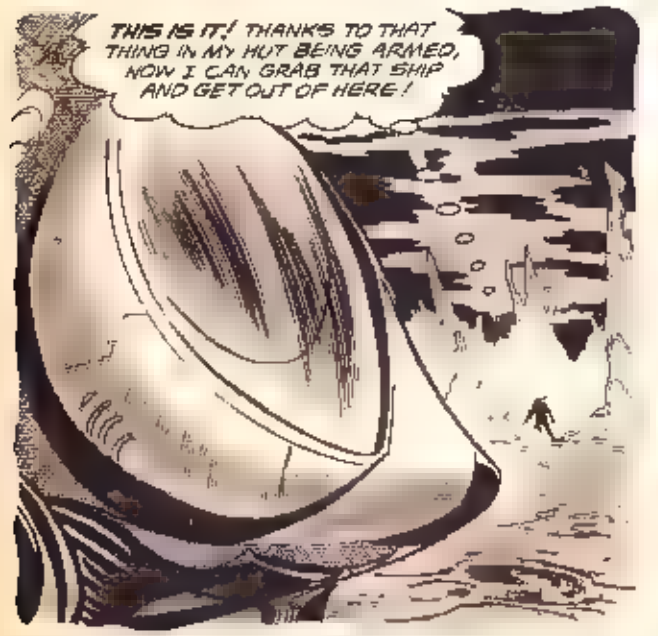
I TOOK SOME OF MY BELONGINGS AND SPENT THAT NIGHT IN THE OPEN! BUT EVEN WITH MY GWUD BESIDE ME, I DIDN'T DARE FALL ASLEEP...
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'VE GIVEN UP MY HOME TO A FANTASTIC BEING THAT MAY MURDER ME!

NEXT MORNING I BROUGHT FOOD TO MY LODGER
THANK YOU! I REQUIRE ONE MORE THING--THAT YOU INFORM ME AT ONCE OF THE APPROACH OF ANY SHIP OR PEOPLE!
YOU SHOULD HAVE NO WORRY THERE! YOU'RE THE FIRST BEING TO COME THIS WAY IN SEVEN YEARS!
I CONTINUED PROVIDING FOR THE GIANT HAND CREATURE! IT CAME OUT ONLY AT NIGHT! MY FLESH CREPT TO SEE IT CRAWLING, CRAB-LIKE, ACROSS THE MOONLIT SAND
WHAT A HIDEOUS THING! WHERE COULD IT HAVE COME FROM? WHAT IS IT DOING HERE?
WITHIN A FEW DAYS I HAD BECOME FED UP ON THE SITUATION! THE HAND WOULD EXPLAIN NOTHING! I DECIDED TO FORCE IT OUT! AS I STRODE TOWARD THE HUT, MY GUIDE POINTED SKYWARD, AND CHATTERED EXCITEDLY!
WHAT IS IT, OLD FELLOW? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!
THEN I SAW IT--THE FIRST SPACESHIP IN SEVEN YEARS! IT HISSED DOWN TO A QUICK LANDING CLOSE BY! SHOUTING FOR JOY AT THIS PROSPECT OF ESCAPE, I RACED TO MEET THE TWO FIGURES THAT PILED OUT!
MY JOY WAS SHORT LIVED! THE FIGURES WERE THOSE OF ARMED, SCOWLING MERCURIANS!
TELL US--HAVE YOU SEEN ANYTHING OF A SMALL VENUSIAN SPACESHIP LATELY?
ANSWER TRUTHFULLY, EARTHMAN! A LIE COULD COST YOU YOUR LIFE!
EXCEPT YOURS, I HAVE SEEN NO SPACESHIP FOR SEVEN YEARS!
THAT SHANTY--ISN'T IT MADE OF PARTS OF A SPACESHIP?
YES, I MADE IT FROM THE SPACESHIP THAT BROUGHT ME HERE!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK!

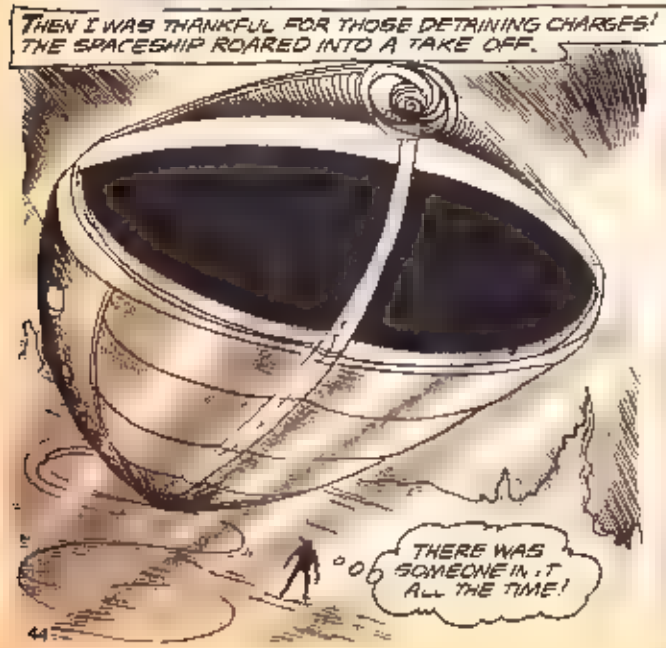
PROMPTED BY A FEEBLE SENSE OF LOYALTY TO THE THING IN MY HUT, I SIGNALED TO MY GWUD TO SPEAK; IF THE HAND CREATURE WAS NOT ALREADY AWARE OF THE STRANGERS, THE GWUD'S LOUD CHATTERING WAS SUFFICIENT WARNING!
THE MERCURIANS WHEELED! ONE FIRED!
SILENCE!
FOR A MOMENT I WAS STUNNED AT SIGHT OF MY DEAD FRIEND: THEN I WHIPPED OUT MY KNIFE.
OHO! OUR SAVAGE FRIEND WANTS TO PLAY. ALL RIGHT EARTHMAN! YOU START THE GAME -- AND I'LL END IT!
FLUSHED WITH RAGE - AND REALIZING IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MY LAST MOVE I LET THE KNIFE FLY! AT THE SAME MOMENT THE SNEERING MERCURIAN FIRED! I MANAGED TO DODGE THE FLAME SHAFT!
BUT THE HEAVY KNIFE FOUND ITS INTENDED MARK!
THE OTHER MERCURIAN RAISED HIS GUN! IN ANOTHER SECOND I WOULD BE DEAD! BUT IN THAT SECOND A THIN SHAFT OF FIRE HISSED ACROSS THE MERCURIAN'S CHEST!
THE FIRE HAD COME FROM THE HUT! THE MERCURIAN HIT THE GROUND, AND RETURNED THE FIRE WITH A FULL BLAST OF SEARING ATOM FLAME!

IN ANOTHER INSTANT I HAD THE DEAD MAN'S GUN!

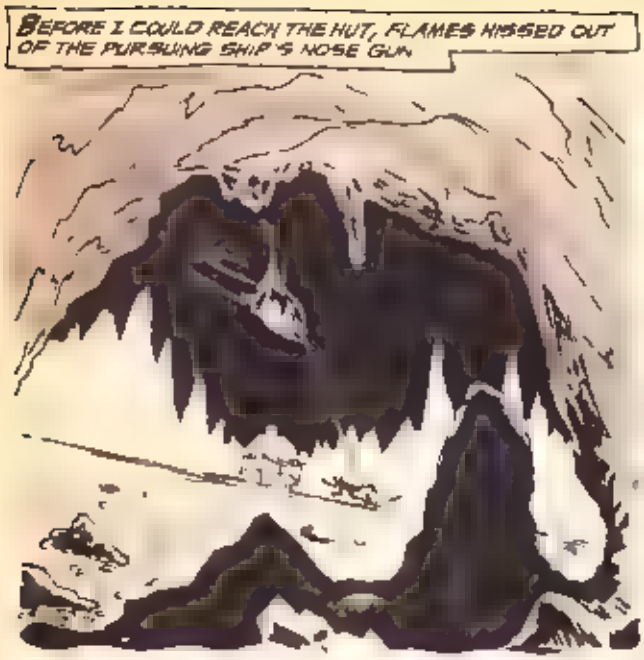

BEFORE EITHER OF US COULD FIRE, ANOTHER BURST OF FLAME FROM MY HUT SIZZLED INTO THE INTRUDER!

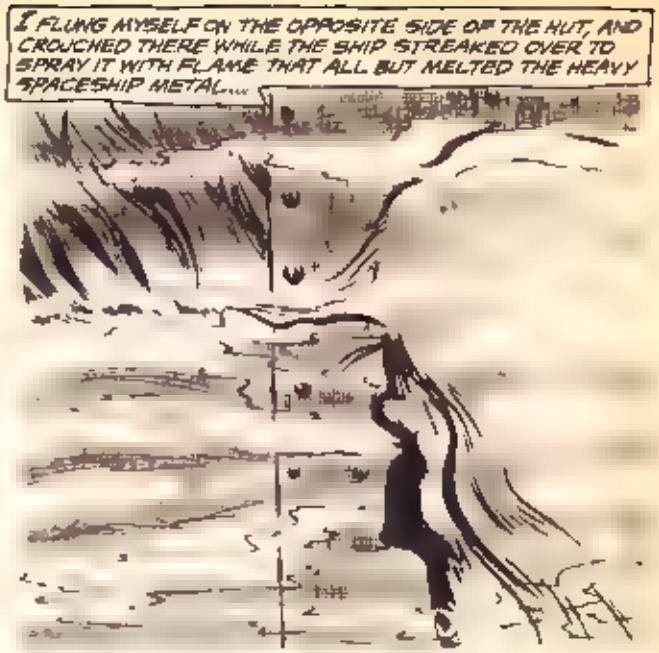

THIS IS IT! THANKS TO THAT THING IN MY HUT BEING ARMED, NOW I CAN GRAB THAT SHIP AND GET OUT OF HERE!

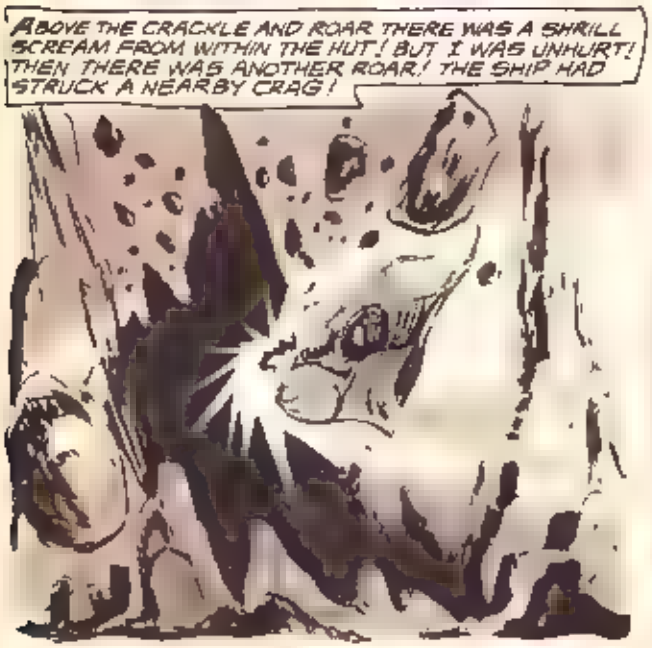
BUT A BOLT OF FLAME FROM THE HUT BARRED MY WAY! EVERYTIME I MOVED TOWARD THE SHIP!


THEN I WAS THANKFUL FOR THOSE DETAINING CHARGES! THE SPACESHIP ROARED INTO A TAKE OFF.
THERE WAS SOMEONE IN IT ALL THE TIME!

IT LOOPED AROUND AND HEADED TOWARD ME!
IT'S AFTER ME! I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT TO THE HUT!


BEFORE I COULD REACH THE HUT, FLAMES HISSED OUT OF THE PURSUING SHIP'S NOSE GUN


I FLUNG MYSELF ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE HUT, AND CROUCHED THERE WHILE THE SHIP STREAKED OVER TO SPRAY IT WITH FLAME THAT ALL BUT MELTED THE HEAVY SPACESHIP METAL...


ABOVE THE CRACKLE AND ROAR THERE WAS A SHRILL SCREAM FROM WITHIN THE HUT! BUT I WAS UNHURT! THEN THERE WAS ANOTHER ROAR! THE SHIP HAD STRUCK A NEARBY CRAG!

THE SHIP SPUN CRAZILY END FOR END BEFORE CRASHING INTO THE SAND!
HE WAS TOO ANXIOUS TO GET ME TO LOOK WHERE HE WAS GOING!

THAT'S THE END OF HIM!--AND PROBABLY THE END OF MY STAR BOARDER! THE HUT ROOF IS PRETTY HOT YET, BUT I'D BETTER GET IN THERE AND DRAG THAT THING OUT!

I EXPECTED TO SEE THE GIANT HAND SPRAWLED ON THE FLOOR! BUT, INSTEAD, THERE WAS
A GIRL!

SHE HAD FAINTED FROM THE HEAT! I CARRIED HER OUT! SHE OPENED HER EYES AND DREW BACK IN ALARM! THEN SHE CALMED DOWN AND LOOKED RESIGNED..

WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

I AM FROM VENUS! SOME OF US VENUSIANS HAVE THE HYPNOTIC ABILITY TO MAKE OURSELVES APPEAR IN VARIOUS FORMS! FOR SAFETY'S SAKE! I BLINDED YOU TO MY TRUE APPEARANCE! UNCONSCIOUS, I WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE THE ILLUSION!

I AM TEBA, PRINCESS OF THE ROYAL VENUSIAN FAMILY. I FLED WHEN MERCURIANS INVADED VENUS. KOGLOK, LEADER OF THE INVADERS, PURSUED ME FOR DAYS! HE SWORE THAT HE WOULD WIPE OUT ALL OUR PEOPLE, AND TAKE OVER OUR PLANET!

I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND. THOSE MERCURIANS -- WERE THEY AFTER YOU?

YES, THAT WAS KOGLOK'S SHIP AND HIS MEN! I KNEW HE MUST BE IN IT, SO I KEPT YOU FROM APPROACHING IT! NOW THAT KOGLOK SUSPECTS I'M HERE, HE'LL BE BACK!

NO! HIS SHIP CRASHED WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP!

BUT I DIDN'T DIE! SHOW ME WHERE YOUR SHIP IS, PRINCESS TEBA. I'LL BE LEAVING IN IT AS SOON AS I'VE KILLED BOTH OF YOU!

KOGLOK!

GAMBLING THAT TEBA WOULD DRAW AND FIRE THE INSTANT KOGLOK'S FULL ATTENTION WAS ON ME, I DIVED FOR THE MERCURIAN'S LEGS! HIS GUN FLAME SINGED MY BACK.. BUT TEBA FIRED, TOO!..

THAT WAS REAL TEAMWORK, PRINCESS!

THANKS TO YOU, NOW I'M FREE TO SAFELY RETURN TO VENUS

TEBA TOOK ME TO HER CONCEALED SPACESHIP

FUNNY THING! I'VE BEEN STRANDED HERE ALONE FOR SEVEN YEARS -- AND NOW THAT I KNOW I CAN LEAVE I DON'T FEEL TOO ANXIOUS TO GO!

DON'T DISAPPOINT ME! YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE IT ON VENUS! I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT!

The End

CLAWS OF THE CAT

A CIRCUS VETERINARIAN'S JOB IS FAIRLY ROUTINE AND UNEXCITING BUT THERE WAS ONE SIDE-SHOW ACT THAT NEVER FAILED TO INTRIGUE ME! IT WAS THE **DANCE OF FELICIA!**

THE TENT LIGHTS WENT OUT AND A SINGLE BLUE SPOTLIGHT SHONE ON THE CROUCHED, BEAUTY OF FELICIA. THE DANCE WAS TO BEGIN.

NO MUSIC, NO DRUMS ACCOMPANIED THE STRANGE DANCE.. ONLY A LOW, MOURNFUL HUM WHICH ISSUED FROM FELICIA'S OWN LOVELY THROAT! THE AUDIENCE WAS HELD IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE AS HER BODY SWAYED TO A SLOW, UNDULATING RYTHM... GRACEFUL, FLOWING.. **CAT-LIKE...**

...AND WHEN THE DANCE WAS OVER, THERE WAS DEAD SILENCE! THE AUDIENCE FILED OUT IN A SLOW, QUIET DAZE..

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, SIMON, THE CIRCUS STRONG MAN ENTERED FELICIA'S TENT..

FELICIA CLAWED AT HIS FACE LIKE A WILD-WOMAN... SHE SANK HER SHARP TEETH INTO HIS HAND..

I SAW SIMON STAGGER OUT OF FELICIA'S TENT...

TANGLE WITH THE SPITFIRE AGAIN, SIMON? HERE, LET ME LOOK AT THAT HAND!

SHE AIN'T HUMAN, DOC! I SWEAR SHE AIN'T!

I DISMISSED SIMON WITH A LAUGH, BUT LATE THAT NIGHT, I PONDERED HIS WORDS...

WHY DOES SHE SPEND SO MUCH TIME WITH ME? OR IS IT ME??

AND THIS NIGHT I COULD NOT SLEEP... SOMETHING WAS TROUBLING ME... SOMETHING THAT ELUDED MY CONSCIOUSNESS...

I'VE GOT TO SEE FELICE! ONLY SHE KNOWS THE ANSWER...

WHY DON'T YOU STOP CHASING FELICE? SHE WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE!

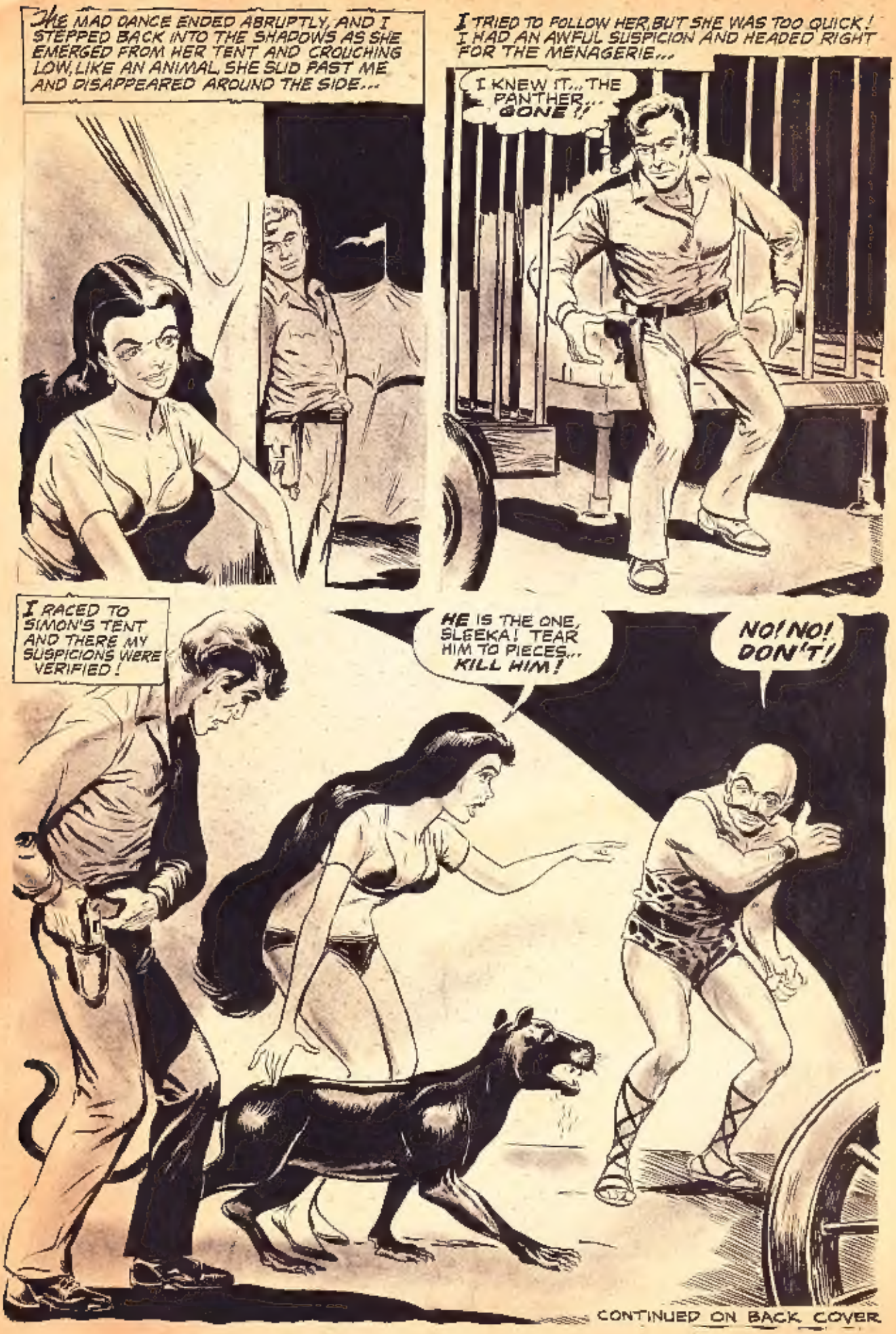
OH, YEAH... SO'S YOU CAN HAVE A CLEAR FIELD, EH? I SEEN HER HANGIN' AROUND YOU AN' THOSE ANIMALS ALL THE TIME! WHAT'VE YOU GOT THAT I AIN'T GOT?

I OFTEN MARVELLED AT THE WAY THE ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY THE CATS, SEEMED TO BE PACIFIED, SOOTHED BY HER MERE PRESENCE! IT WAS UNCANNY... THERE WERE TIMES WHEN SHE ACTUALLY SEEMED TO TALK TO THEM...

YOU HAVE A WAY WITH ANIMALS, HAVEN'T YOU?

YOU MIGHT CALL IT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING!

WHEN I REACHED THE GIRL'S TENT, A STRANGE SIGHT MET MY EYES! FELICIA WAS GOING THROUGH A WILD, FRENZIED DANCE! HER BODY ROCKED AND GYRATED IN VIOLENT, SPASMODIC MOVEMENTS... SHE SEEMED LIKE ONE POSSESSED...



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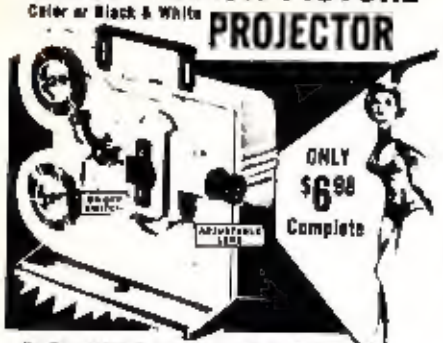

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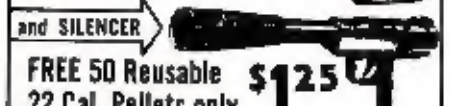

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